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Beach breaks ground on new amphitheater

By MARGARET WINDLEY
Sun Correspondent

The largest world class entertainment facility in southeastern Virginia will grace the woods beside Princess Anne Park by next Spring thanks to a public-private partnership between the Virginia Beach Development Authority and Cellar Door of Virginia Inc., an organization that has become a national force in the music world.

"This is a great day in the future of our city," said Virginia Beach Mayor Meyers Oberndorf at a special site dedication last week. "No city continues to grow and to flourish unless it continues to improve."

Explaining that the new amphitheater would host about 40 events between April and October of each year, she continued, "More importantly, the amphitheater is a facility that can be used by the high schools for their graduations or for the Virginia Symphony. It's a splendid example of cooperation between the city Development Authority and Cellar Door."

Oberndorf smiled, "We are absolutely convinced the entire council administrative staff, as well as the citizens, think that this amphitheater will be a shining star for the city of Virginia Beach."

"Believe in it and it will happen," said A. William "Bill" Reid, chief executive officer of Cellar Door Productions of Virginia, noting that as part of the partnership that had put together

the plans for the amphitheater, the group had borrowed and then paraphrased a well-known line from the popular movie "Field of Dreams."

He credited the faith of "those leaders who believed and made it happen" such as Oberndorf and councilman William W. Harrison Jr. for their dedication to the project. Oberndorf, he said, was "there at every turn and every opportunity."

Reid also spoke of the positive economic impact the amphitheater will have on the city.

"It will create jobs. It will bring money to the city. It will be a showcase. It will be the envy of the state."

Earlier that day, he had spoken of the legendary building known as the Dome.

"I was in the Dome a couple of times, I think that over the years when people visit a place they develop a warm feeling about it, but it was a difficult room to produce a show in. It was not state-of-the-art although it probably was once. They had a lot of legendary groups."

"But," he said, "change is upon us. It's time for business to move on. The building was no longer appropriate for the times. We did 'Three Dog Night,' and we did Clarence Clemons there many years ago."

GSH Realty and music fan Robert Waring was also pleased by the planned amphitheater.

"It's something Virginia Beach."

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Officials study importance of urban forestry to cities

By M.J. KNOBLOCK
Sun Correspondent

Just what is an urban forest, anyway?

Is that where you have a few blocks of thick trees — lions, tigers and bears milling around as monkeys swing from the branches — sitting in the middle of office buildings and freeways?

Not even close.

Until the past few years, urban forest was an unknown term. It refers to the use of trees and vegetation within cities and well-populated areas in an effort to improve the quality of living.

It includes the palm trees and bloodgood sycamores dotting the landscape at the Virginia Beach oceanfront, the humongous oak trees that have been growing in Pon Norfolk since the city was founded and the landscaping at the civic center in Great Bridge.

Last week, members of state and local government and private businesses from all over the state in Virginia, gathered for the Fifth

Annual Virginia Urban Forest Conference held in Portsmouth at the Holiday Inn.

The purpose of the conference, sponsored by the Virginia Urban Forest Council, was to showcase creative community projects and solutions used to solve various community ecological problems through three days of workshops and freeways?

"I like coming because you hear about what someone else is doing in other areas," said Gail Bradshaw of the Chesapeake Parks and Recreation Department. "It makes it seem like what's being done here is possible."

Bradshaw said that Chesapeake can use some ideas from other cities to solve similar challenges in Chesapeake.

One idea is for cities to use trees as an economic development tool.

"They're saying if you have an ugly city, people don't want to

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New life comes to Sandbridge landmark

Maryland-style Crabhouse is catching on

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

The sign outside still reads "Margie and Ray's," but things have changed since the days when Margie Blanton served her homemade fried chicken and potato salad only as a sideline to the groceries that were this small store's stock in trade.

You can't buy canned goods, fried chicken or cigarettes here anymore, but there's still a refrigerator case filled with sodas to go with the savory crabs and shrimps. And, while Margie and Ray Blanton are retired now, Margie still comes around to make salads and help her son, Thomas, with his budding seafood business.

Thomas has converted the former Sandbridge Road grocery store into a home-style restaurant and a Maryland-style crabhouse "where he's teaching locals and tourists the knack of enjoying steamed crabs" and leaving the mess to us."

"We specialize in steamed blue crabs," he said. "We serve them steamed on a tray and we spread brown paper on the table" to make the cleanup job a little easier.

For Thomas, the current business is just an extension of what he's done all of his life. He was raised in the grocery store, which his parents ran from 1964 until recently. He learned to cook "from watching my Mom," whose fried chicken and salads were a local hit. She and a staple at church dinners and picnics.

As a boy, he helped stock shelves and pump gas, but when he got the chance he'd go "out on the water." A few locals still fished and crabbled professionally then, and they'd sometimes invite the curious



CRABS ANYONE? The name is the same, but a lot of things have changed at Margie and Ray's. The Sandbridge landmark, once a small grocery store, is now home to a Maryland-style crabhouse.

Virginia Beach residents are still trying to get used to the concept.

youth go along.

A few years ago, he found a way to make his knowledge of seafood, cooking and running a small business come together.

"A friend of mine said 'You ought to open up a crabhouse because there isn't one around here,'" Thomas recalled.

Although Thomas still occasionally finds the time "to charter a fishing boat" and catch his entrées, he usually spends more time cooking the seafood than catching it. He often travels to North Carolina to buy the shrimp, and he sometimes sells raw shrimp by the pound from the back of a pickup truck in his gravel parking lot.

Although his own schedule is hectic, Thomas maintains a relaxed, home-like atmosphere in the restaurant. The walls of the small dining room are filled with snapshots of fishing trips and paintings with a nautical theme. On weekends, patrons gather to watch sports

events on television while they eat steamed crabs, shrimp, calms or oysters.

They often greet each other and the employees by first name, and the crabhouse frequently stays open past the scheduled 9 p.m. closing is customers are still coming in. On a recent chilly night, a perky waitress in cut-offs greeted customers while her small daughter played nearby. A young girl worked on her homework while munching a grilled cheese sandwich while two men strolled in to get "some fresh shrimp" to take out.

"You just give us some of that cocktail sauce now and we'll be all set," they added when Thomas walked over to greet them.

"In the summer, we get a lot of tourists and we have a pretty solid local trade," Thomas said. The restaurant opens at 7 a.m. for breakfast "and a lot of locals come in for breakfast and lunch and on Sundays after church."

Because he also sells bait and tackle, and his business doubles as a game checking station, and regular crowd stops by in the summer en route to Sandbridge.

But to many of the summer patrons, eating fresh shellfish is a new adventure. Some of the out-of-town visitors "have never seen a crab before and they say 'What do I do with this?'" Thomas said. Some of the more squeamish customers balk when they see steamed crabs for the first time and "wouldn't touch one."

"But other people want to know more," he added, "because they've heard so much about the blue crab and how good it is."

He advises that the best way to eat a crab "is to rip off the shell and take a knife and scrape off the gills. Then, break off the pinchers and pick the meat out that way."

Despite a full-time job as a schoolbus mechanic for the city of Virginia Beach, Thomas likes moonlighting well enough to want to expand his business. He plans to open a seafood market and a larger bait and tackle shop next spring. Still, he admits that working a full-time job, steaming seafood, making soups and going on expeditions in search of fresh crabs and shrimp gets hard while working a full-time job can get rough.

Cleaning up after closing time is the hardest part, through.

"But the hardest thing about it is all the time you put in and washing dishes at 12:30 a.m.," he said.

In a restaurant, you work later hours than in a store," Thomas said. "And selling canned goods isn't quite as hard" as stocking fresh seafood and cooking meals to order.

"But I was raised in this store," he continued, "and I learned by watching my Mom and other people and asking questions. And I like dealing with the public."

Local nurse fulfills humanitarian mission

By VICTORIA HECHT
Sun Editor

It was a long haul for registered nurse Janet Burns Abbott from the modern lab and delivery room at Sentara Bayside Hospital to the arachic medical facilities of Romania.

In the former Communist bloc country, the Great Bridge native explained, treatment often means medical practices abandoned by the United States 40 years ago — if not longer.

Abbott recently returned from Romania following a two-week humanitarian mission with Norfolk-based Operation Smile.

There she helped deliver relief to those suffering from deformities — and not babies as she does back home. She travelled with a 41-member contingent led by plastic surgeon Dr. Chris Magee, the brother of Operation Smile's founder, Dr. Bill Magee.

For Abbott, it was a fulfillment of a lifetime mission to help

those in need.

"I'd quit my job and do it all the time if I could afford it. It's that rewarding," she said from her airy Lynnhaven Beach apartment with soft breezes off the Atlantic blowing through the blinds.

Abbott first became interested in the work of Operation Smile five years ago, but circumstances prevented her from taking a trip with them at the time. One year ago, however, she was skiing in Snowshoe, W. Va. when she met a woman involved in choosing volunteers for the mission.

Abbott's interest was sparked again. She applied and was ultimately accepted. Her travels took her to the small town of Piatra, Romania.

"What we do is go in and teach the nurses and doctors how to do the surgeries and techniques. They're not going to know it all when we leave, but we do want



HUMANITARIAN EFFORT. Janet Burns Abbott, a Great Bridge native and resident of Lynnhaven Beach, recently returned from Romania. The registered nurse aided Operation Smile in changing the lives of about 130 people affected by physical deformities.

them to know how to correct some of the cleft palates and cleft lips.

"They do not know how to do that; they're smart, but they don't have the technology or equipment. Even some of the books are too expensive for them."

Even the most basic scrubs and nurses' uniforms were lacking.

"Their attire was some kind of white uniform, dark hose and white sandals with heels. And the medical facilities we were in was built 10 years ago, but it looked like it was from the '50s. We brought our own equipment and supplies," Abbott said.

But the American medical team wasn't there to dwell on the lack of basic necessities and standards of care. There was work to be done — and plenty of it!

Often working 14-hour days, they operated on 130 cleft lips/palates and orthopedic anomalies. Most surgeries were to children, although a handful of adults received treatment.

"Needless to say, by the end of the day I was very tired and still had to walk down seven flights of steps to go back to the hotel," said Abbott, who worked post-op and recovery room.

Communicating with the Romanian patients and medical staff was not easy. Finally, Abbott and the other Americans learned to rely on sign language and "improv" to get their messages across.

"It was no picnic; I knew I was going to work hard over there. But it really wasn't bad since I'm used to working a lot of hours. I also knew there was going to be a reward: the personal satisfaction that I helped somebody who needed help, and got to visit a country I had never been before."

Because she worked post-op, Abbott remained behind with four other people after the rest of



ARACHIC CONDITIONS. Despite medical facilities that looked like they were straight out of the 1950s, Operation Smile personnel performed life-changing surgery and provided good aftercare.



ALMOST MIAMI. Palm trees at the oceanfront are part of Virginia Beach's attempts to beautify the area.

Photo by M.J. KNOBLOCK

Courtesy Photo

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Commentary

It's your right; duty

"There is but one unconditional commandment, which is that we should seek incessantly with fear and trembling, so to vote and act as to bring about the very largest total universe of good which we can see."

— William James, philosopher

In just a few days, Virginians will head to the polls again and take the challenge. On the surface, a trip to your local precinct is an easy task; it's choosing an appropriate candidate in the senatorial and congressional races that is the difficult part, right?

Considering Hampton Roads' voting history, just getting folks to the polls appears to be the hard part. Voting records show less than half of the registered voters in some cities cast their ballots in last year's City Council and/or School Board elections.

The proof is in the pudding: just getting voters to the polls is the challenge.

Political organizations and lobbyists have tried every ploy from "Rock the Vote" to "Get Out the Vote" in the past. While their various candidates or causes may not always be the best, their campaigns to get eligible voters to the polls are. They are, after all, urging Americans to exercise their inalienable right, for which this country's forefathers worked so hard.

So will you take the challenge? Will you get off your duff, out of the recliner, put down the remote control and pull a lever? Will you sacrifice your lunch hour to assure that your favorite candidates are elected, or re-elected, to office?

The choice is yours. But above all, vote! — V.E.H.



The season of spooks makes way for shopping

Ho boy (and I do mean *ho*, not *oh*), I already feel a nip of old Kris Kringle in the air. Could it be, dare I say that the holiday shopping season is in full swing? Ho ho ho!

You bet your candy cane it is! And

just how do I know? It could be the 12 "get-a-start-on-your-shopping-early" catalogs that I found stuffed in the mailbox this evening that clued me in.

That's right: one dozen, and I am not exaggerating! It gives "The 12 Days of Christmas" a



Off The Cuff

By Victoria Hecht, editor

whole new meaning.

With this collection of catalogs, I could just pick up the phone, say "Charge it!" and accomplish all my holiday gift shopping in a few quick calls to Computer Connections (for the computer nerd), The Swiss Colony (purveyors of fine chocolate), Gucci (heaven only knows how we got on their discriminating list), Leggett's, Bits and Pieces (the world's foremost authority on puzzles), Sound Exchange (CDs galore), Pottery Barn (fine furniture and accessories we can only ogle) and Damark (three catalogs from them in one day).

Wow! After all that shopping, the old Visa card would be begging for a vacation...and charge that one to American Express!

Don't get me wrong; it's not that I don't like Christmas shopping. (Just mention the word "shopping" and watch my eyes light up like yule lights.) It's the word "Christmas" that sends shivers up my spine.

First, there's the shopping list which, thanks to my recent marriage, is longer than a football field. The gift wrap needed for Evan's family alone, being that it's so large, would paper Nautilus and then some.

With the list finally completed (a week-long task in itself) comes hopping in the car and heading for the stores. A mall is the most logical choice, since all the stores are clustered under one roof.

But being in a noisy, over-heated, crowded mall for one hour with "Jingle Bells" incessantly playing over the intercom would drive even the Jolly Old Elf himself mad. Within minutes, I'm ready to flee for the parking lot with the shopping only 1/20th complete.

Once the shopping is complete — meaning I've used up five tanks of gas driving from store to store and city to city — comes the really fun part: wrapping. Pull out the Scotch tape, unroll that paper, find the gift tags and get to work.

Damn! Wouldn't you know that the road to hell is paved with good intentions? Such is the case when, to my dismay, I learn there isn't a bow or pair of scissors to be found in the house.

You know what that means: back to the store to get those last-minute necessities. Frankly, I found again!

Frankly, I find presents

one of the most annoying tasks since I have no knack for it. The tape sticks the wrong places and, invariably, I'll cut the wrap too small. In the end, my efforts look like a second grader did the job. But hey, it's done!

Presents wrapped and dutifully stacked in tidy piles, I await the big day. Then (and who hasn't this happened) well-meaning neighbors drop in with a gift...and there isn't one under your tree for them. Hastily, you grab one from under the tree, rip off and bid them a happy holiday.

And just what was in that box? And what are you going to get Aunt Gertie now? And, by the way, isn't Aunt Gertie the one who gives you that awful fruitcake every year?

Jingle bells, jingle bells! The big day arrives, as does the extended family, which crams itself into your house for some Christmas cheer (would that be the egg nog or the festivities?).

Gift-giving time arrives in a flurry of ripped paper, bows flying through the air and a mess to rival the nearest landfill right there on the living room rug.

After the clean-up efforts (requiring three Hefty bags to hold all that lovely paper), you settle back and survey your haul: a fruitcake (we know who that's from), a sweater two sizes too small, a membership in the Fruit of the Month club, 15 candy canes and a new frying pan from your spouse since you mentioned the old one was getting kind of worn.

Who knew gift giving could be this tiring, not to mention trying?

But take heart, folks. Christmas is still a good month and three weeks away. The trick-or-treaters are still downing their goodies. And, between those two holidays, we still have Thanksgiving to celebrate (more family time). Oh boy!

But look on the bright side — at least you've got several weeks to get that holiday shopping out of the way. Or do like me: this year I may just let those catalogs do all the work. Seasons greetings!

The case for Republicans

As the homestretch mercifully looms in races for all 140 assembly seats, voters could be forgiven for recalling the line from an old song, "You say 'to-ma-to,' I say 'to-mah-to,' let's call the whole thing off." Granting that politics is generally a game of wishful thinking and calculated obfuscation, it does seem to get worse.

When the dust settles Nov. 7, Democrats will either retain the majority they've enjoyed all the years of the century; or, in a stunning reversal of fortune, have lost it.

In the state Senate, a 20-12 tie is entirely possible. But

Democrats would still organize that body on the vote of its presiding officer, Lt. Gov. Don Beyer. A tie is not possible in the 100-member House by reason of the presence of its sole independent, Del. Lacey Putney of Bedford, who is unopposed.

In the unlikely event neither party wins more than 50 seats, Putney would decide which organizes the House. The price of his support might be to make him speaker. As the assembly's most senior member — and one of its most popular — we could do worse. Of course, the outcome could be decided by someone switching parties.

Does it matter? You could find support for a negative conclusion in the fact that almost all of the state's budget for 1996-98 is spoken for — controlled by past commitments and obligations. For example, you won't see the Assembly going back on the promise it rashly made in 1984 to have taxpayers pick up 100 percent of the cost of state pensions. The issue now is finding the billions required to fund the Virginia Retirement System.

The debate in this campaign has been arid and nit-picking because candidates of both parties may grasp that absent significant sources of new revenue — which nobody is proposing — there isn't much scope for initiative.

Oh, the Republicans might give local governments a few hundred million more to spend as they see fit, and Democrats might direct a similar sum to education the GOP would

prefer for prisons. But in the context of state and local spending exceeding \$25 million a year, it isn't likely to be noticed.

The case for the Democrats boils down to the past. No person living, not even that woman in France who knew Van Gogh, remembers a time when Democrats didn't control the Virginia General Assembly. They have been at times arrogant, in the tradition of one-party rule in all times and places, but seldom dangerous.

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This entitles them to a sizable share of the credit for keeping the state on a steady course.

The case for the Republicans boils down to the future as seen through the unshaded eyes of Gov. George Allen. If you believe in the national Democratic Party is running on empty — fighting a rear-guard action to preserve as much as possible of a discredited welfare state — you should stick with the genuine article of conservative change represented by Allen and give no aid or comfort to Democrats won't mind issuing some bonds for prisons.

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If you like both Allen and what Republicans in Congress are doing, but are still inclined to back that local Democrat you've liked, bear in mind that reaffirming the legislature's Democratic majority will brand the governor a loser and cause most of his ideas to be dead on arrival at the assembly's door.

Because Democrats remaining in charge will mean more of the same, pressed down harder, let's focus on what Allen might do with a GOP majority.

The most important issue out there is whether the legislature will give lottery profits to counties, cities and towns. Or continue to count them in the state's general fund, where much of it will still find its way to local coffers. It's a small issue, but not insignificant. Getting some \$320 million a year in new money, with no strings attached, will allow local governing bodies far more freedom in addressing local priorities.

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much. And despite the fact state revenues will grow by several billion over the next two years, there will be far too many claimants for that money to give up any of it. Still, the principle of giving local officials (and citizens) a sizable source of new revenue to do with as they best think is sound. Why, they might even use some of it to cut local taxes.

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It's time America's 'Yankees' come home

How ironic it is that the Japanese are suggesting to the United States that it consolidate military bases on Okinawa, where local sentiment toward U.S. troops had grown increasingly hostile in the aftermath of a rape of an Okinawan schoolgirl in September, allegedly by two U.S. Marines and an American sailor. The three are in Japanese custody.

A rape, no matter where it occurs or to whom it happens, is abhorrent, and punishment for such an act should be swift and severe. I have a law a y a s believed that the death sentence should be considered in some rape

cases. Be that as it may, to hear the Okinawans shout "Yankee go home" is a far cry from what they were shouting at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning, April 1, 1945.

That was the day that the battle for Okinawa began. That battle, which was the last big battle to be fought in the South Pacific, cost the United States 7,600 lives in land fighting. Okinawa was within 350 miles of Japan and was considered a prime strategic objective.

At 10:05 p.m. on June 21, 1945 the Island was declared secured, and the Okinawans came out of the hills with horror stories about the atrocities that had been committed upon them by the Japanese. They told of being enslaved and sent to Japan to be laborers. The women told of being raped numerous times by the Japanese soldiers. They even raped the little children.

Many of the women were sent all over the Pacific to serve as prostitutes for the Japanese soldiers and sailors.

It is interesting that it was the Japanese who took to the streets in Okinawa to protest the presence of the U.S. military of the island. They are attempting to do diplomatically what they could not do militarily — and that is to remove our presence on Okinawa.

I agree with them. We should bring home all of our military from all the bases in the Pacific, except Hawaii and Guam, and let the Japanese suffer the cost of supporting them. We don't need to be there, and they don't want us to be there. The Okinawans have forgotten those brave men who gave their lives to free them from slavery.

Perhaps it's best for them to again be under the protection of the most barbaric people in modern history. It is time America realized that we cannot police the world. We are the most compassionate, loving and giving country in the world — and yet we are probably the most hated.

Yes, it is time for the "Yankee to come home."

Welcome to the real world.

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Safety first

Virginia Beach Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, in conjunction with fire departments from every city in Hampton Roads, recently proclaimed Oct. 29 as "Change Your Clock, Change Your Battery Day" within the city. Ron Rubin, senior vice president of The Breeden Company, was on hand for the observation.

Community Heroes sought to carry the Olympic flame

The first of 10,000 torchbearers will receive the Olympic flame and begin an 84-day, 15,000-mile journey across America on April 27.

More than half of these torchbearers — Community Heroes — will be selected on the merits of their service to others through a selection process that is being facilitated by local United Way organizations.

Look closely at the torchbearers and you will see the faces of Community Heroes — people whose services to others and meaningful contributions to their community shed light into the lives of many Americans.

You may even recognize some of those faces, should any local heroes in South Hampton Roads be selected to participate in this historic event.

"Community Heroes are the foundation of America's greatness," said Billy Payne, president and CEO of The Atlanta committee for the Olympic Games.

"These men and women, with their diverse backgrounds, are the catalysts of the programs and institutions that contribute so much to the future of our communities. Who better deserves the honor of carrying the Olympic flame than these local heroes who everyday, in every action bring to life the meaning of the Olympic spirit."

All Community Heroes will possess one or more of the core values and ideals, of which torchbearer nominees will be evaluated:

- Outstanding volunteer work; Leadership, role model or mentor;
- Acts of generosity or kindness; and,
- Extraordinary feats or

accomplishments, locally or nationally.

A torchbearer does not have to be an athlete to carry the Olympic flame. The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games is seeking people who make meaningful contributions to others to carry the torch up to one kilometer.

Community Hero applicants will need to fill out an official entry form, which includes an essay up to 100 words on why the nominee possesses the qualities of a Community Hero. Or an applicant may write the qualifications of the nominee on one side of a stand-size piece of paper and include it with the application. An applicant may nominate themselves or someone else.

Official entry forms may be obtained several ways:

- At United Way of South Hampton Roads, 100 Main St. Norfolk, or call 629-0500, ext. 190 (leave name and mailing address);

- WAVY-TV 10, 300 Wavy St., Portsmouth, 393-1010.

- Check local newspapers to publish official entry form.

- USA TODAY will publish the official entry form in November, or;

- Call 1-800-4-96-COKE to receive an entry form by mail; allow 10 days.

Entry forms must be mailed to the 1996 Olympic Torch Relay Torchbearer Selection, P.O. Box 6621, Maple Plain, MN 55359-6621 and be postmarked by Nov. 30 and received by Dec. 8. Only one entry form per nomination will be judged. Entries become the sole property of The Atlanta Committee for the Olympic Games.

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You, your friends, or service

organization are invited to take part in this year's Santa's Switchboard program on one or more evenings beginning Dec. 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11 from 5:30-8 p.m.

This special event is sponsored by the Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation/Special Services Unit, located at 2289 Lynnhaven Pkwy. (near Salem High School) in Virginia Beach. To volunteer or for further information, call Special Services at 471-5884.

The Virginia Beach Sun Deadlines

News deadlines for The Virginia Beach Sun are Monday at 5 p.m. for the upcoming Friday's issue.

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✓ Pictures must be sharp, clear and accompanied with complete information.

✓ News may be brought or mailed in and should include the name and telephone numbers of the person submitting it.

✓ The Virginia Beach Sun welcomes and encourages letters from its readers on topics of general interest.

✓ All letters must carry the name and address of writer for verification.

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Up close and personal

Billy Bryant: Martial arts master gets his 'kicks'

By VICTORIA HECHT

Post Editor

He's simply "Mr. Billy" or "Guru Billy" to his students. But, nicknames aside, world traveller and martial arts teacher Billy Bryant is at the top of his profession nationally and internationally. Plus, he has the trophies to show for it: 60 grand championship titles and three Hall of Fame designations.

Now Bryant is calling Hampton Roads home and is the founder of the newly-opened Filipino Martial Arts Academy on Kempsville Road and fulfilling what he sees as a need for a "new approach" to martial arts training in Hampton Roads.

Why Tidewater? Bryant, who has delivered two seminars here in the past, became enamored with the area after escaping the blustery New York winters.

"I knew no one but a couple of people, so I started fresh with no students, a belief in myself, a great idea and a new trend that should be taught in the martial arts: unlimited power and personal power. Self-confidence and discipline are just by-products of martial arts and constant training. Teaching someone to reach their own personal power and level of self-mastery takes a talented teacher, not an instructor. I feel like I'm a professor at this."

Having taught other teachers in the United States and around the world, Bryant has practiced the martial arts for almost 40 years. Yet he looks far more youthful than his 46 years of age.

"The fountain of youth is what you think about yourself and how you feel. It radiates through you to other people and keeps you young," he explains.

Trained in six types of martial arts, Bryant specializes in Filipino and Indonesian styles.

"Filipino martial arts have been in this country since 1763," he explained. "But people tend to only think of it as stick-fighting and knife fighting, but it is so vast — 20 categories ranging from empty-hand arts to weapon-based arts to regular farm tools. I was fortunate enough to have grandmasters from when I travelled around the Philippines share their styles and traditions with me."

It's quite a change for the man who grew up as a young boy "in the dirty street of 117th Street and 7th Avenue in Harlem, N.Y."

It was around 1958 that Bryant discovered he was "good" with his hands and body; his mother later enrolled him in boxing classes because "at 12 years old I could go and knock out a grown man for messing with one of my little sisters." In 1959, he ran across a karate book and started practicing some of its moves. Bryant's earliest mentor, Grandmaster Oliver, took him under his wing.

"He raised me as a son. If my mother couldn't find me, that's where I was. Not only did I learn the physical side of martial arts, I learned the spiritual. I really believe that I have a solid education in the arts."

Bryant, who had dropped out of school in the fourth grade and attempted to obtain his GED three times, finally found the discipline to complete his education at age 26. He passed with a perfect score after "learning to take pride in myself." At age 34 he obtained his bachelor's degree and became a drug counselor.

Yard the martial arts remained at the heart of his life. Bryant knew he had to share what he knew with others.

"So many people come to us trying to find their personal greatness. What's on the inside of a child is very important to me; they have the most to gain. It makes me feel great to help them, because if I can do this for almost 40 years I can do anything. There's nothing I've tried to accomplish that I haven't accomplished."

One of Bryant's missions is to alter what he deems the prevailing "military-type" attitude used in teaching the martial arts.

"If all a parent is looking for is getting their kids a belt, then there are a lot of schools around," he said. "But black belt is an attitude."

Bryant is a member of Cadena de Mano International, the Philippine Olympic Committee, the World Arnis Federation and the U.S. Chinese Kempo Association. He has been named to the World Martial Arts Hall of Fame, as well as the Professional Karate League Hall of Fame.

He is listed in Karate International's "Who's Who in the Martial Arts" and is a member of the Black Martial Arts of America, the National Silat Association of Malaysia and is founder/circumferent of the Maryland Black Belt Association.

Bryant is the author of "Filipino Martial Arts," has 33 articles published in trade publications and will soon star in a series of 15 Filipino martial arts videos to be produced in California.

Name: Billy Bryant.

What brought you to this area: I travel so much and have lived in so many different states and countries. I thought it was time to settle down and call some place home. I mean I have affiliate schools in New Mexico, Japan, Italy, Boston, New York City, Washington, D.C., Richmond, Florida and Maryland, so I've lived everywhere — even in Malaysia. It's time to find a



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than technical skill; I teach people how to find personal power. There is a giant in all of us, and I show people how to touch this via martial arts.

Best thing about myself: In this area I'm the only high-profile instructor here. A teacher's teacher! Most of the instructors' knowledge in America is incomplete, at least in the Filipino arts.

Worst habit: Don't have any! You can't reach your personal power by having bad habits.

Pets: I don't have any, but I would like to have a ferret.

Hobbies: Martial arts is my life, but I do like to shoot pool and play arcade games.

Ideal vacation: Researching in the Philippines and studying with various grandmasters. My ex-wife did not understand my drive.

Pet peeves: I believe martial arts instructors should be licensed in various states. Ninety percent of the schools don't have complete knowledge, and they don't deliver what they advocate. This is very damaging to our industry. I have studied for almost 40 years to be a great instructor.

First job: My only other job was as a drug counselor for five years in New York City.

Favorite sports teams: Contact sports such as point-fighting karate championships.

Favorite musicians: I enjoy music, whether it is black, white or of any ethnic group. But I must say that Celine Dion is one of my favorites, as well as Boys Two Men. Very classy!

I would like my epitaph to read: "A man who evolved and endeavored to share his truth with the world," because so many have misconceptions about the martial arts — particularly the Filipino martial arts.

If I received \$1 million: I would take care of a lot of personal things and look out for my family. Then I would set up a program for inner-city children. I would want them to experience the world of martial arts.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: If I had 10 minutes on any national forum, I would teach each viewer that they have unlimited power, that greatness is within them and that they don't have to make themselves look small for the sake of someone else. A giant lies asleep in us all, and it is the teacher's job to awaken, nurture and cherish his pupil.

THE ARTS

Wesleyan players present 'King Lear'



FIGHT TO THE FINISH. "The Tragedy of King Lear" is now showing on the Virginia Wesleyan College stage and features the stage-fight choreographic work of Drew Frasher, president of the Society of American Fight Directors.

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Shakespeare's chaotic "The Tragedy of King Lear" has opened at Virginia Wesleyan College in the Hofheimer Theater. This production brings together the considerable acting, directing and design talents of Virginia Wesleyan students, staff and faculty and Hampton Roads community members.

It also features the stage-fight choreographic work of Drew Frasher, president of the Society of American Fight Directors and one of only 35 certified Masters of Stage Combat in the United States. Performances are Nov. 3-4 and Nov. 8-11 at 8 p.m., with one matinee on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 2 p.m.

Admission is \$5. Reservations are requested. Call the college at 455-3200.

"The Tragedy of King Lear" has been hailed as Shakespeare's most profound play because of its cosmic overtones and complex

philosophical ideas.

With an intricate series of maneuvers through plots and subplots, the Bard portrays the turmoil that results from unnatural conduct in the individual, the family and the state. The play revolved around filial ingratitude and political instability.

These themes are brought together in an exploration of order in the family and order in the state after King Lear decides to divide his kingdom among his three daughters, according to the degree that each daughter describes her love for him.

Rick Hite, professor of theater/communications, is doing double duty as director of this production and in the role of King Lear. The set design is by Jerald D. Pope, the music is performed by Sam Dorsey and the song melodies and arrangements are by Fletcher Collins Jr.

Potrafka Gallery hosts Redskin-turned-artist

The Potrafka Gallery at Tower Mall in Portsmouth will present a very special showing of nationally-known artist and former Washington Redskins running back George Nock.

The month-long showing will begin with an opening reception for the artist on Sunday, Nov. 5 from 1-4 p.m. at the Potrafka Gallery. Nock will be featuring recent works in ink and watercolor, as well as a number of bronze sculptures.

This show will be featured through Nov. 30. Normal gallery hours are noon - 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday from 12:30 - 5:30 p.m. on Sundays.

For more information, call Wayne Potrafka at 465-2133.

Nock, former running back with the New York Jets and the Washington Redskins, is today a first-class artist and businessman. He was inspired to become an artist by one of his junior high teachers, who was also a sculptor.

The exhibition is located at the Huff, Poole & Mahoney Building, 4705 Columbus St. in Virginia Beach, Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Call 422-3703 for more information.

When he later attended Morgan State College, he elected to major in psychology instead of art.

As a youngster, Nock perceived the contemporary man suffered a great deal when his progress makes him increasingly insensitive to his surroundings.

"There is a natural and disarming beauty in things he gets for granted... in the leaves of the tree, in aspects of the animal kingdom and even in his own likeness," he said.

Nock finds and captures that beauty in his renderings. His versatile and highly original artwork ranges from the traditional to ethereal fantasy: from mythic figures and demigods to a new series on black heritage.

Nock's interpretations are characterized by his singular combination of strength, perception and sensitivity.

'Anniversary Afternoon' set

"Anniversary Afternoon" is the major fund raiser of the season which is being sponsored by its Board of Directors to benefit Commonwealth Musical Stage, Virginia's only professional musical theater.

Proceeds of the event will be used to continue to provide the quality productions that CMS audiences have come to expect.

The function will be held from 4 - 6 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 12 at the Holiday Inn SunSuprise (39th and Atlantic) in Virginia Beach and will feature a silent auction/boutique. The theme of the event will be a celebration of this fifth anniversary season.

Hardwick Chamber Ensemble performs American selections

The Hardwick Chamber Ensemble will perform music by American composers in honor of America Music Week on Sunday, Nov. 5 at 3 p.m. at the Unitarian Church of Norfolk. The concert will include music by Ulysses Kay, Amy Beach, Henry Cowell, William Grant Still, Philadelphia composer Paul Stouffer, Virginia Beach composer Dr. Adolphus Hallstork, and Chesapeake

composer John Winsor.

The performers will be Suzanne Schrock, violin; Winsor, clarinet; and, Jeanette Winsor, piano. In addition, Dr. William Carroll will read "Bible for the Slaves" by Frederick Douglass, and Adelle Andrews will read Louisa May Alcott's "My Fourth of July." A free will offering will be collected. Call 424-4277 for more information.

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FROZEN IN TIME. Is she real? It certainly looks like it, but Marc Sijan's "Hands on Leg" is actually a sculpture.

'Ultra-realistic' arts exhibit comes to life

The Arts Center of the Portsmouth Museums will present a tribute to "real" people in an exhibition of ultra-realistic sculptures by Wisconsin artist, Marc Sijan.

"Marc Sijan: Ultra-realistic Sculpture" will open the evening of Thursday, Nov. 9 and continue through Dec. 31. The opening reception will be held at the 1846 Courthouse Gallery, Court and High streets in Portsmouth, from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

On Friday, Nov. 10 at 10 a.m., Bonnac Wilson, professor of Sculpture at Tidewater community college Visual Arts Center, will present a lecture on Sijan's realistic figures, as part of the docent orientation program which is free and open to the public. Wilson will cover the development of human portrayed in sculpture since the Romans.

On Monday, Nov. 27 at 7 p.m., Dr. Linda McGreevy, associate professor of Art History at Old Dominion University, will present a 30-minute film, "Duane Hansen and His Studio," part of the Museum Monday program. The film offers an exploration of contemporary sculpture and Hansen's personal style as an ultra-realistic sculptor to coincide with "Marc Sijan: Ultra-Realistic Sculpture."

Featured in this exhibit are Sijan's figures are more a tribute to "real" people — the individual: pores in the skin, tiny hairs and veins, bald spots, blemishes and various shapes are the essence of that makes Sijan's work so arresting. Sijan's figures are incredibly life-like. In fact, they seem on the verge of movement, a mere instant away from walking up to say hello.

Sijan has a bachelor's degree in Art Education and a master's degree in Art, both from the University of Wisconsin. His work has won recognition throughout the country with a major commission at the Beyer Museum in Chicago, sales to major collections and private collectors and a current national touring exhibition.

The Arts Center is located on the corner of Court and High streets in Olde Towne Portsmouth and is accessible to the disabled. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday: 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 - 5 p.m.

For further information, contact Lorie Mastemaker at 393-8543.

'Nonsense' takes to the stage

The Actors Theatre of Virginia Beach has announced the first show of its third season.

"Nonsense," a hysterical comedy by Dan Goggin, engages the efforts of five of the Little Sisters of Hoboken as they raise money to bury four of their sisters who died of botulism from a batch of Sr. Julia (Child of God's) vichyssoise.

Their urgency is evident, considering that their dear-departed sisters are currently blue — not from cheap wine, but from their temporary every-where, in the convenant's freezer. "Nonsense" is directed by Susan Brownsey-Moyer, with musical direction by Kevin Long.

"Nonsense" will play at the Kempville Playhouse (inside the Kempville Recreation Center, 801 Monmouth Ln., from Nov. 10 through January (ending date to be announced). Ticket prices are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and military and \$5 for children. Showtime is 8 p.m.

For reservations and information, call 557-0397.

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Alternative fuels keep city running cleanly.

This continues the article on alternative fuels from last week, and we pick up with the alternative fuel that was picked by city staff.

Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) is a naturally-occurring colorless, odorless gas. It is the cleanest-burning of the alternative fuels with the

exception of electricity. It costs about the same or less than other alternative fuels. The supply is extensive within the continental United States. There is a somewhat limited range (100 - 120 miles) for vehicles with advancing technology and fastfill capabilities this will quickly change.

The use of compressed natural gas does require pressurized fuel cylinders to be added to vehicles and requires compressed natural gas fueling sites. Virginia Natural Gas operates four fueling stations in Hampton Roads, which can be used on a 24-hour card access basis and is available for public utilization.

There are various types of vehicles that can utilize compressed natural gas some of which are: cars, trucks, garbage trucks, tractor trailers, lawn mowers, boats, buses etc. An existing vehicle may be modified to compressed natural gas or they can be purchased from the original equipment manufacturer such as Ford, Chrysler, etc.

There are many advantages for owning a natural gas vehicle, including savings in fuel and vehicle maintenance costs.

Tidewater Regional Transportation (TRT) has been actively involved with compressed natural gas vehicles for some time. On June 23, they christened the world's first natural gas ferry at Harbor Park. This is one of the Elizabeth River ferries that operate across the Elizabeth River between the docks located at Waterside and Harbor Park in Norfolk, and the docks located at Portside and the end of High Street in Portsmouth. The vessel will provide a platform for continued operational assessment of the many safety and reliability features incorporated into the design and it will provide the opportunity to further test and evaluate the major CHG machinery and equipment performance in a marine environment.

Approval by the U.S. Coast Guard of the CNG conversion design will serve to establish a baseline framework of Regulations and Rules of the use on future compressed natural gas propulsion programs.

Since 1992, the city of Virginia Beach has proactively investigated the use of alternative fuels for their fleet in preparation for meeting EPACT's 1999 deadline. They had several alternative fuels to choose to study. The city chose Compressed Natural Gas for a pilot program based upon numerous technical reports and information received from various manufacturers and the federal government.

According to city and state magazines, more governments (60.5 percent) are using CNG than any other alternative fuel. In preparation for the implementation of the alternative fuel requirements by 1999, the City of Virginia Beach has applied for and received a grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT). The grant was used to pay for modifying a gasoline fueled vehicle to a compressed natural gas vehicle.

A 1993 General Motors Company van was purchased for Automotive Services utilizing compressed natural gas. They have driven this compressed natural gas vehicle more than 46,000 miles to date and have had no operational problems.

Through Old Dominion University's Technology Application Center, a Toro Ground Master lawn mower was changed over to compressed natural gas which the Landscape Service division has been using to mow grass at several local schools. We also entered into an agreement with Old Dominion University, Tidewater Regional Transit (TRT) and the Virginia Natural Gas Company to convert a 1990 police car to compressed natural gas as opposed to using bi-fuels (a mixture of gasoline and compressed natural gas, M85 or E85). Totally dedicated in this instance means using only compressed natural gas. This vehicle is being driven by First

precinct police officers while on

The Virginia Beach Fire Department recently dedicated the world's first "Monster Fire Truck" which is powered by compressed natural gas. The Monster Fire Truck is a 1994 Seagrave fire truck and weighs about 10 tons. It stands on tires that are five-feet tall and weigh 1,000 pounds each.

This truck came about from a partnership between the Virginia Beach Fire Department, the Virginia Beach Vocational Technical Center and various other technical and engineering experts as well as community support. There are nearly 6,000 fire deaths every year in the United States and 25 percent involve children under 9 years old. The Monster Fire truck will be used by the Fire Department to carry fire prevention messages to children at schools, parades and other community functions.

The city recognized the need to reach out to the community with this educational tool to prevent injuries and, more importantly, loss of life, due to fire.

In order to provide fuel for these vehicles, were installed a slow fill compressed natural gas compressor at the Landstown Highway Yard. This compressor is part of the pilot program started in 1992. The slow fill method of refueling takes anywhere from four to eight hours. This year the city has received a grant from VDOT to retrofit the existing site and convert to a fast fill compressor station. This method will only require from three to five minutes to refuel our CNG vehicles.

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The approach the city took early on for this alternative fuels program was to start with a small number of vehicles in order to determine the feasibility, driveability and operation of alternative fueled vehicles, especially compressed natural gas. Some of the savings the city will realize both environmentally and financially, by the use of alternative fuels such as CNG are:

■ Improved air quality by the reduction of ozone and carbon monoxide emissions.

■ A reduction in the number of underground and above ground storage tank sites for fossil type fuels which would reduce the liability and environmental impacts resulting from these systems. We would incur a financial savings by not having to put these systems in or having to worry about costly clean ups from leaks.

■ They will be lower overall costs associated with motor vehicles. These include operating, regular maintenance and disposal of waste oil products. Natural gas fuel costs from 50 to 80 cents a gallon, versus \$1 per gallon at the fuel pump for the same amount of fuel.

The city has 1,558 road vehicles in their fleet which currently utilize gasoline and diesel fuel. Starting in model year 1999, 20 percent of the city's purchases of all new vehicles must operate using alternative fuels such as compressed natural gas.

At the present time, the city believes that available data and research points to compressed natural gas (CNG) as the most effective way for the city to meet alternative fuel requirements. If and when the city receives "Clean City" status, because of its use of alternative fueled vehicles, it will mean giving area organizations a leg up in applying for federal funds.

For more information regarding alternative fuel, contact the National Alternative Fuels Hotline at 1-800-423-1363.

Michael J. Jannon of the Department of General Services contributed to this column.



Photo by Carole J. Arnold

Kudos to the mayor

The U.S. Forrestal recently honored Virginia Beach Mayor Meyer Oberndorf for her caring and compassion after she attended the memorial service for departed shipmates. Oberndorf was lauded for

the words she spoke that "came sincerely from the heart." Present for the plaque presentation was U.S.S. Forrestal Association President Hugh McCabe, left, and Bob Cohler, vice president.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Health

If your child's physician has recommended a supervised exercise and recreation program, you need not look further. A medically managed fitness/wellness program is coming especially for youth age 9 to 17.

Princess Anne Community Recreation Center and Tidewater Health Care will sponsor this two-week session beginning the week of Nov. 6, Monday through Friday, from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. at Princess Anne Community Recreation Center, 1400 Ferrell Pkwy. (off General Booth Boulevard and adjacent to Strawbridge Elementary School) in Virginia Beach. Cost is \$65. A membership card and a physician's referral are required.

For further information, call Athletics at 426-0022.

Dr. Arthur Jenkins, dentist, will present a seminar on "Oral Hygiene" on Monday, Nov. 6 at 6 p.m. The program is free. No reservations are necessary.

First Colonial Inn is a 185-unit retirement community for active seniors, and it is located at 845 First Colonial Rd. in Virginia Beach. For more information, call 428-2884.

Dr. John A. Pagano, author of the award-winning book "Healing Psoriasis" — The Natural Alternative" will present a free lecture and slide presentation, "The Natural Healing of Psoriasis," on Nov. 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the A.R.E. Conference Center, 67th Street and Atlantic Avenue.

Considered incurable by orthodox medicine, Pagano will show that psoriasis can and has been healed in a natural way when a different approach is taken, especially where diet and nutrition are concerned.

The lecture is free. For more information, call 428-3588, ext. 187/188.

Religion

A Holy Harvest Bazaar will be held Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at Eastern Shore Chapel, 2020 Lakin Rd. in Virginia Beach. The event is sponsored by the Women of Eastern Shore Chapel.

This year the bazaar includes the very popular "Trash'n Treasured" (the ultimate in garage sales), Craft Shop, Jewelry Shop, Garden Shop and a new Herb shop. Toy Shop and delicious baked goods, pickles and jams. A lunchroom will be available which includes soup, fresh-baked breads and homemade desserts.

More than 4,000 messengers from the Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) will convene Thursday and Friday, Nov. 9 & 10, at the Virginia Beach Pavilion in Virginia Beach for their 172nd annual meeting.

Sessions will begin at 9 a.m. on Thursday led by Margaret B. Wayland, BGAV president, and again at 2 p.m. led by Kirkland H. Lashley, Roanoke Valley Baptist Association director of missions.

Friday sessions will begin at 9 a.m. led by Marvin F. Kerby, pastor of First Baptist church in West Point and again at 2 p.m. led by Wayland. All sessions are open to the public.

Program highlights for Thursday include the treasurer's annual report 10:20 a.m., the 1996 World Mission Budget presentation at 10:30 a.m., the president's address at 11:30 a.m. and the 1996-2000 Strategic Planning Committee report at 3:10 p.m.

Program highlights for Friday include the Woman's Missionary Union presentation at 10:15 a.m., election of the president at 2:05 p.m. and election of new officers at 3:25 p.m.

St. Francis Episcopal Church, 508 S. Rosemont Rd., will hold its 23rd Annual Bazaar on Friday, Nov. 10, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.; Saturday, Nov. 11, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.; and, Monday, Nov. 13, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

It will feature: a Williamsburg Room (handcrafted wooden books); a book nook (gentlemanly gifts); a quilt raffle (\$1 for a chance to win a lovely quilt); a Gift Room (seasonal items and toys); Gingerbread Land (crafts and activities for children); a Silent Auction (items/services go to the highest bidder); a Gingerbread House Room (create your own gingerbread house); and, Ye Olde Bake Shoppe and Country Kitchen.

Tabernacle United Methodist Church, 1265 Sandbridge Rd., Virginia Beach will hold its 18th Annual colonial Dinner on Saturday, Nov. 18 from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. The menu is country ham, turkey and dressing, collards, snap, corn pudding, sweet potatoes, pie and drink. Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$3 for children.

The Christmas Shop will include Christmas decorations, crafts, baked goodies, jellies, can goods, cookbooks, etc.

Government

The Virginia Beach Community Services Board will conduct a

public forum on its service delivery system on Monday, Nov. 6 from 6 - 9 p.m., at the Virginia Beach Central Library auditorium.

The Community Services Board is the local agency responsible to Virginia Beach City Council for public mental health, mental retardation and substance abuse services for the residents of Virginia Beach.

The board is holding the public forum to provide interested individuals in the community, as well as public and private agencies and organizations, an opportunity to express their views on the agency's services.

Following the public forum, the Community Services Board will incorporate this public review in its future program planning.

Individuals interested in speaking at the hearing should call 437-5760 or 437-6155 (TDD) to have their name placed on the speaker's list.

The Virginia Beach School Board will hold its regular first Thursday meeting on Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. in the School Board Room of the School Administration Building located in the Virginia Beach Municipal Center. Delegates and citizens will be heard at 7 p.m.

For information, call 426-5735.

The agenda and supporting documents will be available for public review in all Virginia Beach Public Libraries no later than the Friday before each meeting.

Education

Green Run High School gifted students will be conducting a "Gifted Leadership Conference" at Larkspur Middle School on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. The keynote speakers will be Sarah Bagley, a 1995 graduate of Green Run High School and a freshman at the College of William and Mary.

One-hundred-twenty students from Old Donation Center and Green Run High gifted students will participate in the conference titled "The Shape of Things to Come." Students will select from five workshops and sessions. The program is under the direction of Susan Puckett, gifted teacher at Green Run High School.

Business

The Central Business District Association will host Admiral Jeremy Michael Boorda, chief of Naval Operations for the United States Navy, the Association's November luncheon meeting.

The event will be held Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, 565 Greenwich Rd., in

Virginia Beach. Reservations must be made by Friday, Nov. 10. The cost is \$14.50 for members and \$19.50 for non-members. For further information, call 490-7812.

Recreation

The Francis Land House's annual "Christmas Craft Fair" will be held Nov. 3 - 5 featuring quality exhibitors with the best in crafts, dried floral arrangements, wreaths, jewelry, toys, country furniture, baskets, Christmas collectibles and more.

Times are Friday and Sunday, noon - 5 p.m., and Saturday, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. Enjoy shopping in an old-fashioned atmosphere with live dulcimer music and door prizes. Baked goods, cider, Brunswick Stew and ham biscuits will be offered.

Admission is \$2 for anyone over 12 years old. This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Francis Land House with proceeds to benefit the Furnishings Fund. Call 340-1732 for more information.

Boys and girls ages 6 to 17 are invited to participate in the Big Blue Basketball Clinic with Old Dominion University's Coach Wendy Larry and the Lady Monarchs Basketball Team.

Bow Creek Recreation Center will host this special event on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 10 a.m. - noon. Coach Larry and members from her team will teach, demonstrate and lead boys and girls in basic basketball skills and techniques. Learn valuable basketball skills from the experts. Participants must come dressed in shorts, shirts and tennis shoes.

This event is sponsored by the Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation/Bow Creek Recreation Center. This Big Blue Basketball Clinic is free and open to the public. No membership card or daily pass is required. To register and for further information call Bow Creek Athletics at 431-3765.

A bingo game for people from Virginia Beach who are mentally and/or physically disabled will be held Saturday, Nov. 18 from 5 - 7:30 p.m. at the Bow Creek Recreation Center, 3427 Clubhouse Rd. The bingo game will be sponsored by the Pembroke Kiwanis Club, the Virginia Beach Department of Parks and Recreation and CLASP (Citizens Living All Special People).

Participation is free and is only open to mentally and/or physically disabled people. Refreshments will be served and

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Beach breaks ground on world-class amphitheater complex

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very much needs. I spoke on behalf of it at a hearing."

A music fan who will drive to Richmond or Washington, D.C., "if the show's good enough," he added, "a lot of good thought went into it. As a resort destination, this will be a real feather in our cap. It will certainly augment the American Music Festival at the end of the summer."

The site area for the new amphitheater is more than 96 acres, and the projected seating will be 7,500 under the pavilion's roof and another 12,500 on the lawn. It will consist of 24 structures, including 24 permanent buildings, seven kiosks and five

modular buildings for a total of 111,340 square feet.

There will be parking planned for 5,100 cars with adjacent areas for overflow. Costing approximately \$17.5 million, the facility should bring in about \$1 million dollars annually to the city and have an annual economic impact in the vicinity of \$8.2 million through ticket sales, on-site vending, facility services, supplies and indirect spending on food and lodging in the community.

The city's construction investment should be paid back within five to seven years. The amphitheater will increase economic opportunities for the people in the area with more than 200 part- and full-time jobs.



Artist's rendering of amphitheater

Vandals strike project

Sometime Friday night, Oct. 27 or early Saturday morning, Oct. 28, a person(s) entered the construction site of the Virginia Beach amphitheater on Princess Anne and Landstown roads and vandalized several pieces of construction equipment.

A construction crew for the contractor, W.M. Jordan, discovered the damage upon arrival at work Saturday morning and called the police.

A fork lift was started up, a motor grader was started up and driven into a ditch, a loader was driven on top of the grader, and a bulldozer was driven into a portion of the administration building destroying a section of masonry.

The damage done was mainly to construction equipment, and there was no damage done to the pavilion. Preliminary damage estimates are \$17,000 to \$20,000.

damage to the equipment, owned by Higginson-Buchanan Inc., and \$8,000 to \$10,000 damage to the wall of the administration building.

According to Mark Wawner, project manager with the city's Economic Development Department, "As far as we can see this is a senseless act of vandalism which will in no way affect the extensive progress already achieved at the site; construction is still underway and the amphitheater continues to be on target for an April 1 completion date."

In light of the incident, nighttime security has been arranged to patrol the site, effective immediately. Nighttime security, already a part of the original construction agreement, was planned to be in place later in the project's construction schedule.

Officials cite need for urban forestry

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come there and people don't want to live there," explained Bradshaw.

In some cases, this has prompted tree projects. Some of these were showcased in seminars during the conference.

In Lynchburg, for example, private companies united to make the landscaping more aesthetically pleasing to residents and potential investors in the city. "They have a big tree program that businessmen started there," said Bradshaw. "It wasn't the regular tree-huggers. They're concerned about the economic viability of their city and the visibility for their city."

The success story of how Port Norfolk revitalized its urban forest was also the subject of one seminar.

Madelyn Grimes, past president and current ways and means committee chair of the Port Norfolk Civic League, gave a slide presentation of the history of Port Norfolk's trees. Some of them were shown in very old pictures of the area when it was first established. Today, many of them are still standing.

Many of them, however, are not. Grimes explained how residents were distressed that as sidewalks and streets were added or repaired by city crews, the trees were often damaged. Days later, they were tagged by the crews with blue ribbons. A few days later, they would disappear. Nothing was replanted in its place.

"The trip taught her a valuable lesson. "It was very rewarding, but I will never take for granted again what I have," Abbott remarked.

Despite the hardships and realities of Romanian life to which she was exposed, Abbott admitted she wouldn't think twice about going back.

"In a heartbeat," she said, noting she is already planning her next humanitarian mission with Operation Smile. This time she would like to travel to South America, Israel or back to Romania to see how "some of those beautiful children" have fared.

"I'm an adventurous person," she continued, grinning at the prospect of a second trip. "I just have this philosophy that I want to do it all and see it all before I die."

After bringing their concerns to the city's attention — that Port Norfolk was losing a foundation of the community — the civic league and the government were able to reach an agreement on the replanting of trees and shrubbery in 1994.

At first, there was no funding for the agreement, but it has since been found through federal and other grants.

Now, said Grimes, sidewalks are rerouted around trees, or elevated, over surface root systems. For Arbor Day, 80 trees were planted. As of last week, 125 trees had been planted.

Following the story of Port Norfolk, city representatives from Virginia Beach also had a chance to share their story of the revitalization of the city's trees and ecosystem.

"The urban forest is more than just trees, it's the management of all the (environments) of the city," explained arborist Robert Huff.

Through the reduction of pesticide use, down to 60 to 70 percent of its past volume, the city of Virginia Beach is focusing on plant health care.

"Healthy plants don't have problems," said Huff.

The city also uses the more than 6,000 volunteers in the Virginia Beach Clean Community Commission to maintain adopt-a-spot and other similar programs.

Huff said they save the city an estimated \$250,000 in services provided.

But Virginia Beach volunteers aren't the only ones getting



Photo by M.J. Knoblock

TALKING TREES. Tom Ford of Fairfax County, far left, jokes with Chesapeake arborist Kris Dameron, second from left, Tanya Deckla of the Virginia Urban Forest Council, second from right, and Deputy State Forester Bettina Ring during the Fifth Annual Urban Forest Conference held last week in Hampton Roads.

involved in urban forestry, it's the management of all the (environments) of the city," explained arborist Robert Huff.

Urban forestry is exciting and citizens are trying to make a difference in their communities," said Ring. "The Urban Forest Council is trying to establish a council statewide for businesses and citizens involved in community forestry to share ideas."

Tanya Deckla, executive director of the Virginia Urban Forest Council, added that urban forests can benefit everyone.

"We're trying to educate people — everybody from the city planner to the homeowner about the real value of community trees," said Deckla. "What I mean by that is it's hard dollars. Everybody knows trees are nice and everyone likes trees, but they also have significant dollar value."

Some monetary values of trees include storm water effects, cooling and shading, energy savings and air pollution carbon receptors. In addition, trees effect wildlife habitat and water quality.

She cited a program in Fairfax County where all of the trees on private and public land were assigned dollar values through a computer program, according to size and type. The dollar value placed on the trees in Fairfax was placed at \$11 million.

"It gets people to think about trees in a different way than they normally do," said Deckla.

Optimists have an enlightening Halloween

Satanism expert lectures on dangers dabbling in the occult

By MARGARET WINDLEY

Another finds vials of blood in her refrigerator and later is killed by her son. A father enters his daughter's room to find her in a catatonic state at the foot of an altar to the devil. Teenagers rob graves because they can't afford to pay the price for ritually appropriate human bones.

Are these the plots of new horror movies; or stories out the modern life? According to Virginia Beach Police Det. Don Rimer, these stories are true and exemplify the danger of dabbling in the occult world.

For most people Halloween is just a lot of silly, happy nonsense, with tons of sticky, gooey candy and comically-dressed children. But there are people who take it much more seriously — some of them may be threats to themselves or to others.

Brandishing a *Portfolio* magazine that he said contained advertisements for witches' sabbats, Rimer, a nationally-known authority on Satanism and the occult who is assigned to the Domestic Violence Unit on the Virginia Beach Police Force, explained to a recent meeting of the Optimist Club-Bayside Chapter that Halloween is a religious holiday for people who consider themselves to be witches, warlocks and vampires.

Rimer said somberly, "Their faith is protected by the Constitution. They have been allowed to establish their churches quite successfully for the past several years. The Supreme Court permits them." As for Halloween itself, he said, "The origin is debated." Rimer described Halloween as originally beginning in the 5th century B.C. by Celtic peoples. At a ritual called "Samhain" out of which Halloween developed, he said, the ancient Celts believed that "the dead came back to earth. They inhabited a human or animal form of their choice. In other words, possession, and that is what the Celts believed in. Others dressed up in hideous costumes. In the 12th and 13th centuries in Europe, the poor begged for food and, in return for the food, would pray for the souls of the dearly departed."

"They are looking for new members," he said. "But they are also looking for young, new members. The most common ground for membership is the college campus. Many of the students there are on a search and have not really established themselves."

Rimer is extremely concerned about the growth of Satanism.

"The Church of Satan is considered the fastest growing church in the world today," he said sadly.

Displaying a book called "Satan Wants You," which he removed from a bag beside him on the lectern, he said, "It was founded in 1966 in San Francisco. Since 1989, the Satanists have been coming out of the closet, and they have been more and more of a concern to me because of the harm they cause. In the Christian Bible there are specific passages that forbid dabbling in the occult."

Displaying yet another book, he presented a copy of the "Satanic Bible," which he said is a best seller, although it has to be specially ordered. Rimer said that the intentions of the founder, Anton Levey, were to attack the Christian faith, Catholicism most specifically.

In 1966 when LaVey announced to the world that he was doing this, he said that by the year 2000 every known profession would worship at his feet. He crowned himself the Black Pope.

"In neighboring communities there have been suicides and children committed to institutions because of this," he said, and explained that a serial killer nearby was also apparently influenced by an interest in the occult.

"These children, these teenagers, when confronted are not afraid of death because of this power."

Rimer noted that in many cases the children and young people involved in these things had parents who had chosen to back out of their children's lives.

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HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Audits need not trigger fear

By Dominic Tarantino

Certified Public Accountant

"Audit" is a word that triggers fear in the heart of the average person, conjuring up images of government officials in green eyeshades poring over receipts and records in search of unpaid taxes.

But there is another type of audit — and independent audit — that has nothing to do with the IRS but provides an objective examination of a company's financial condition.

Businesses whose stock or bonds are sold to the public are required by law to disclose accurate and objective information about their financial position. Investors, credit-rating services and bankers look to this information when deciding where to invest, how to determine creditworthiness and whether to lend money.

Financial statements of these public companies must be audited by independent certified public accountants (CPAs) for several

reasons.

The auditor provides an objective examination and verification of a company's accounting documents and supporting data.

The auditor also makes an effort to detect any irregularities in the financial statements, which provides some assurance to investors and creditors that the statements were not distorted.

Auditors are highly trained professionals who are required to remain independent and objective. They follow accounting principles established by an independent accounting standards board.

When reviewing financial statements and testing the information against these accounting principles, the auditor issues an opinion, or audit report on the fairness, consistency and conformity to generally accepted accounting principles.

While an audit report does not assess a company's future

performance, it should provide potential investors and creditors with a reasonable assurance that a business' financial statements present a fair portrayal of its financial position. It also ensures that the company's cash flow management conforms to standard accounting procedures.

However, users of financial information should recognize that the company's management — not the auditor — is ultimately responsible for the content of its financial statements. While an independent auditor can verify that a company's financial reporting is sound, he or she cannot always uncover deliberate fraud.

The financial statement is an important source of information, but all investors and creditors must carefully investigate the information presented to them and should seek outside opinions before making financial decisions.

Dominic Tarantino is a syndicated columnist for News USA.

Pregnancy loss a miserable experience

For a woman and couple the loss of a much wanted and anticipated pregnancy is a truly horrible and emotionally devastating experience, leaving a lot of misunderstanding, mystery and misery. A lack of information and understanding may cause someone experiencing a pregnancy loss to pull away just when they need the emotional support of their family and friends the most.

■ What is a miscarriage — An involuntary loss of a pregnancy prior to 22 weeks from the last period.

■ What are the causes — 50 percent of pregnancy losses are due to birth defects or genetic

problems in the fetus itself; 48 percent unknown; 2 percent due to infection, hormone defects, uterine and womb defects, cervical problems, immune problems, etc.

■ What is the chance of a miscarriage — 25 to 30 percent of all pregnancies in the first two months. Now that highly sensitive tests are available at the store, a lot of previously undetected pregnancy losses are becoming known.

■ What can I do to decrease my risk — see your doctor before pregnancy and early in pregnancy. Take 1 milligram of Folic acid; B6 vitamin before and during early pregnancy; avoid drugs,

alcohol and smoking. Be in good physical condition and have medical problems detected and treated prior to achieving pregnancy.

■ What if I experienced a pregnancy loss already — Discuss your history with your OB/Gyn to detect any condition that could affect a future pregnancy.

In an early pregnancy loss the psychological pain is just as important to address as the physical condition, for the patient as well as her spouse and family. If you have any concerns about miscarriage please contact your physician or health care provider.

This information was provided by Dr. Steven B. Powers, a board certified OB/Gyn.

Greyhound Lines announces new military fare reduction

Greyhound Lines, the nation's largest provider of ground transportation services, recently announced reduced fares for active-duty and retired military personnel, including dependents.

The new fares, effective Nov. 1, offer maximum one-way fares of \$99, and maximum round-trip fares of \$169 for travel anywhere in the country. The new fares do not require advance purchase, and children under 12 can travel at a 50 percent discount with a paying adult.

"People in the military have a long history of traveling on Greyhound. The new, lower fares offer measurable savings for military personnel and their families in time for the holidays," said Stuart Robinson, vice

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Three local Sears stores host sports, soap opera celebrities

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Some of the changes in the Pembroke, Greenbrier and Chesapeake Square mall Sears stores include:

■ An increase of nearly 16,000 square feet of selling space enabling more merchandise to be added to departments such as men's, women's and children's apparel and footwear.

■ Beautiful new cosmetics departments in the Pembroke and Greenbrier mall stores. The departments feature Circle of Beauty cosmetics available exclusively at Sears and nationally known cosmetics and fragrances, as well as either self-service or the assistance of trained beauty advisors.

■ Updated home, office and travel shops, with extensive selections of bed and bath fashions, housewares, home accessories, ready-to-assemble furniture and luggage.

Soap-opera stars will sign autographs for Sears customers at all three stores on Saturday, Nov. 4 from 1-4 p.m.

Kurt McKinney, "Matt Reardon" on "Guiding Light," will appear at Pembroke Mall Sears in Virginia Beach; Scott Holmes, "Tom Hughes" on "As the World Turns," will visit Greenbrier Mall Sears in Chesapeake; and, Ron Raines, "Alan Spaulding" on "Guiding Light," will be on hand at Chesapeake Square Mall Sears.

Sports celebrities will visit all three stores on Sunday, Nov. 5 and sign autographs from 1-3 p.m.

NASCAR driver Morgan Sheppard, will visit Pembroke Mall Sears in Virginia Beach; Mel Kaufman, former linebacker for the Washington Redskins, will visit Greenbrier Mall Sears in Chesapeake; and, Barry Word, former running back for the Kansas City Chiefs will appear at the Chesapeake Square Sears store.

Also on Sunday, KidCare, a children's photo identification program, will be featured at all three stores from 1-4 p.m.

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City audit discloses \$12.1 million school deficit; Beach council asks 'how' and 'who'

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

The KPMG Peat Marwick special audit of the city's school system's operating budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year shows the deficit is \$12.1 million, rather than the \$7.3 million previously reported.

It shows that the budget was initially a bad one with unrealistic projections in revenues and expenditures.

It shows that officials authorized transfers of funds from one line item to another, often without informing the director of the department whose budget was affected.

It shows that the school budget was virtually useless in that money was budgeted for one thing and was spent on something else — over and over again. It was like making out a shopping list and then going to the grocery store and purchasing entirely different items.

What happened was in the report, and measures were suggested for how to avoid a recurrence. However, some Virginia Beach City Council members hearing a discussion of the audit Tuesday wanted to know the how and the who.

Showalter said that a budget is intended to control spending and how money is spent. The number of transfers alone should have put up a red flag.

D. Scott Showalter, public services professional practice partner for Peat Marwick, told council that the focus of the report is toward what happened and what can be done so that it does not happen again.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr. said that he was more interested in the how and the who. "It's hard. I have a hard time focusing on this macro-view."

Showalter said that the auditors did not look at who was responsible for the loss, but Susan P. Reed, engagement senior manager for Peat Marwick, said that whoever was in the budget department at the time should have known, but "none are there now."

Dr. Sidney L. Fauteux, former superintendent of school, left in the spring for a new post in Georgia.

But the responsibility, while not pinpointed by the auditors, spreads to the school board. The board, which in 1994 adopted a policy requiring all transfers over \$10,000 be reported to the board for approval, actually approved at least most of the \$4.5 million in transfers during the year.

Showalter said that a budget is intended to control spending and how money is spent. The number of transfers alone should have put up a red flag.

Reed added that in May 1995 alone there were over \$12 million in transfers — there were 17 pages of budget transfers.

In some cases there is no evidence that transfers were approved by the board, she said.

Sitting through the presentation was Commonwealth's Attorney Robert J. Hampshire, who met with city council in executive session following the council meeting about possible litigation involving the who or whos were responsible for the budget nightmare in the state's second largest school system. The original approved budget for the year

was \$340,790,116. The schools spent \$12,325,094 more than that which, minus the fund balance on July 1 of \$266,994 comes out to a deficit of \$12,058,054.

According to the city's financial director Patricia Phillips, the audit has cost \$42,000 so far which, she said, the city is asking the school system to underwrite.

The city plans to bail out the school system — school boards in Virginia do not have the authority to raise taxes and must depend on the local government for funding — but wants in return some assurances from the school board that things will be done differently in the future.

On next Tuesday's council agenda will be an ordinance appropriating the \$12.2 million. The school board also will be expected to concur with a reconciliation agreement and consolidation effort as a condition to the ordinance adoption.

City Manager James K. Spore notes that the undesignated fund balance of \$64.9 million will be reduced to \$52.7, providing for a debt reserve of 81 percent, only a small margin above the council's minimum policy level of 75 percent of the subsequent year's debt service.

He says that the school division deficit will reduce that fund balance to a level that will limit future flexibility, and both the city and school division face potentially large budgeting impacts in connection with possible funding reductions from State and Federal sources and other factors such as unfunded liabilities for the Virginia Retirement System which is expected to be required by 1997-98.

The \$12.1 million deficit is a combination of a \$5.7 million shortfall in estimated revenues and a \$6.4 million overexpenditure of appropriations.

The most important points of the Peat Marwick findings, said Spore, are:

■ The school division's operating budget was prepared without realistically supporting assumptions and documentation for many key revenue, payroll expenditure and non-payroll expenditure line items.

■ Detailed comparison and analysis of budget versus actual expenditures is of limited value — a large number of budgetary transfers (\$43 million total) — for a net impact on the budget of \$3.5 million made during the year.

■ Expenditures for payroll were not supported by understandable documentation that could be used as a management tool.

■ There is no integrated budget/human resource/payroll system that prevents hiring and paying unqualified personnel.

■ Budget unit directors do not have primary budgetary authority over their units making it difficult for them to manage or monitor progress of actual versus projected results.

■ The type of information the school board is provided by the staff makes it difficult to monitor actual results and to identify significant trends and variances which would lead to actions to avoid overspending.

Peat Marwick's recommendations include, among others:

■ Develop a realistic budget.

■ Make budget unit managers the primary authority for their budget unit and provide them with the tools to ensure proper accountability.

■ Monitor budget versus actual, including providing the school board with more meaningful data.

■ Develop an integrated position control system linking budget personnel and payroll.

Getting the schools back on track won't be easy. The school division also projects a fiscal year

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'Smoozing' it up at the Nosh Café

Jewish singles finally have a place to mix, mingle in Hampton Roads

By VICTORIA HECHT

Sun Editor

When Lonnie McLeod's 26-year-old son lamented about the difficulties in meeting "nice Jewish girls," she did what most mothers only dream of doing.

With the help of her husband, Herman, McLeod brainstormed a smoozy venue where Jewish singles of all ages from throughout Hampton Roads could gather — Nosh Café.

Meeting on the first and third Sundays from 7 to 10 p.m. at Kempsville Conservative Synagogue, the coffeehouse-type atmosphere lured singles at its October debut. The second event, held last Sunday, drew many repeat visitors.

"We took a deck of cards, cut it in half and put ladies in one hand and the men in the other. Then I started giving them out: lady, man, lady, man. Then I made the announcement 'Find the other half of your card.' Then everyone started mingling pretty well, made it sort of happen," Herman grinned.

Lonnie's eyes twinkled mischievously as she remembered one young man who was determined to get the matching card for a woman to whom he was particularly attracted. Unfortunately, another gentleman already had it.

Feedback from the singles is vital to Nosh Café's success, the McLeods explained. They hope loosely-planned activities, such as Pictionary tournaments and psychic readings, will make the coffeehouse more appealing to participants.

"We want the people who really want to come here to give us the idea," Herman noted.

Lonnie added that singles don't necessarily come to meet Mr. or Miss Right; friendship is often the focus.

"One lady said to me that she wasn't coming here necessarily to meet a man, but other Jewish ladies who she can parlay around with — some companions.

"The exciting part to me is when I see the entrance and all the people coming in. I feel like something is happening in the Jewish singles community. And we never know who is going to show up."

She added that Nosh Café is not intended to compete with the annual "Jewish Singles Weekend," an annual get-together at the Virginia Beach oceanfront which draws hundreds from across the region.

Has the coffeehouse gotten the stamp of approval from Quinn Samuels; whose original complaint inspired Nosh Café?

"Well, he's here again!" his mother said enthusiastically. "I guess that says something."

A quick check with Samuels, a truck driver for a small carpet company, confirmed that.

Beach mulls over Urban Partnership membership

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council is considering the pros and cons of continuing its membership in Urban Partnership, an organization that sprung up from core cities of the premise that the poor core areas of a region must be strengthened to improve the region's economy.

The immediate consideration for Virginia Beach is the appropriation of \$5,000 for its share toward lobbying efforts of the organization before the General Assembly.

The Partnership is looking for a state appropriation of \$50 during the first year and an ultimate incentive fund of \$200 million for the entire state. However, no funding source of the incentive pool was suggested in recommendations of the partnership although a regional sales tax was discussed at length, but eliminated.

According to Assistant City Manager Robert A. Matthias, who briefed city council on the Partnership recommendations at a workshop Tuesday, it is not known if any effort will be made by the Urban Partnership to have legislation introduced in the 1996 session of the General Assembly.

Based on the Hampton Roads Planning District Commission's population, he said, approximately \$47 million would be available in the region. The dis-

tribution of incentive funds would be based on a formula which would be selected by the region and approved by the state.

The rationale for the Urban Partnership is that if Virginia's regions are to be leaders in the global marketplace, they must equal or surpass the performance of their strongest regional competitors.

Matthias said that a number of the recommendations that came out of the Partnership would have no impact on Virginia Beach, such as allowing the transition of independent cities of less than 125,000 to become cities that are part of their surrounding county, an expansion of the existing legislative authority that now caps cities at 50,000 from reverting to a town status.

Recommendations on taxing authority, which could have an effect on Virginia Beach, are to be submitted by December of this year, but the commission studying this issue has been asked to extend its life to include other related issues. Prominent among them is an array of local taxes and a review of them for any adverse impacts on business growth and job creation, an item added at the request of the business community and oriented at the Beach.

Matthias said that when questioned how Virginia could be expanding so well economically with such a "bad" tax there was

little response for the business community.

Council originally appropriated \$10,000 so that Mayor Meyera Oberndorf could participate in the process, but the criteria set forth in the Urban Partnership recommendations concern councilmen's "don't see the process going in the direction beneficial to the City of Virginia Beach. I hesitate to support funding for promoting ideas the Council doesn't agree with."

Jones was referring especially to possible regionalization of education and revenue sharing.

In some areas, Matthias said, this region has an excellent track record as the Southeastern Public Service Authority has tipping fees among the lowest in the state and the Hampton Roads Sanitation district, which is almost invisible, offers some of the lowest fees of any area in the country.

As for one issue which may be taken up by the commission on state and local service responsibility and taxing authority, the restructuring of existing service responsibilities and tax authority, may have an impact on Virginia Beach. The object is to have no net increase on the state and local tax burden on the economy or a reduced burden. This would be difficult to accomplish, said Matthias, when Virginia Beach is already ranks 49th in combined state and local tax burden.

Matthias said that while Virginia Beach, because of its demographics, does not have an urban core, it does have some of the same problems. If the Urban Partnership comes into being, the Hampton Roads Region would be eligible for \$47 million of the \$200 million in incentive funds provided certain criteria are met.

In the regional cooperation areas, Matthias said that he is still not sure what regional land use means, and said he thought it would be difficult for Council to relinquish its authority in that area.

In law enforcement the area does well, as in solid waste and sewer. The area of education, he said, is problematical.

Matthias said that Gov. George Allen's administration has expressed extremely lukewarm support of the recommendations.

Matthias said that a lot of skepticism still exists, that the city needs to wait and see what happens in the General Assembly.

City Manager James K. Spore said that the whole idea of the organization is that participation would be voluntary. Sharing in the pot, said Matthias, would mean about \$40 million for Virginia Beach during a five-year period.

Vice Mayor William D. Sesame, Jr. said that regional partnerships might be necessary so that Virginia Beach can tie in with transportation. "If we don't have a tie-in to high-speed roads, we'll be bypassed."

Matthias said that while Vir-



Photo by Victoria Hecht
THE SINGLE SCENE. Lonnie and Herman McLeod want Jewish singles across Hampton Roads to find the happiness they share. After their 26-year-old son complained about the difficulties "meeting nice Jewish girls," they created the Nosh Café. It meets the first and third Sundays of the month at Kempsville Conservative Synagogue and draws singles from throughout greater Hampton Roads and as far away as Yorktown.

anist to give it a real café atmosphere."

Adam Burgh of Chesapeake 21, a sales associate for Radio Shack, supports the Nosh Café concept.

"It's a good idea to try and get people together. I have trouble meeting people in general, and yes, especially nice Jewish girls. I really don't know what I want this to evolve into."

Joseph Schaloff, a 21-year-old Navy chef stationed aboard the U.S.S. Theodore Roosevelt, finds Nosh Café a good place to meet others of his faith. A native of Detroit, he simply longs to be around people with whom he has something in common.

"It's just good to be with other Jewish people, but I am looking for a relationship, too. Not marriage yet, but a good commitment. I just wish there were more younger women. Lots of young guys, but not

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Commentary

Sacrifice

Bunker Hill, Antietam, San Juan Hill, Verdun, Normandy, Pork Chop Hill, Beirut: places on the map. But they all have something in common — American men and women died in these locations defending their national and its ideals.

In these and many other locations around the globe, hundreds of thousands made the ultimate sacrifice — giving up their lives. Millions managed to escape battles unscathed; yet, they too, sacrificed part of their lives for home and family.

Monuments have been erected to honor the memory of the men and women of the Revolutionary War, War Between the States, Spanish-American War, World I and II, Korean War, Vietnam War, Somalia, Kuwait and other conflicts. Those who served in war and armed conflicts — even those who gave their time during periods of peace — all have one thing in common: they are veterans.

Nov. 11, this year on Saturday, is the day this country has set aside to pay homage to those men and women — Veterans Day.

Yet this special observance seems to have gone the way of many holidays. The significance has been forgotten. It is just another day off for many workers.

Everyone makes sacrifices throughout their lives and, often, we feel put upon because we have to make them. But unless we lost loved ones in war, shed our own blood or risked our lives defending this country, our sacrifices pale in comparison.

Sometime on Saturday, take a moment to think about the thousands of men and women, of all ages, colors and religious backgrounds, who are not here today because they made the ultimate sacrifice. — J.W.B.

(Editor's note: The Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations will host a Veterans Day parade and memorial service in Virginia Beach on Saturday beginning at 9:30 a.m. The parade route starts at 16th Street and Atlantic Avenue, proceeding north on Atlantic Avenue and concluding at the site of Tidewater Veterans Memorial, where the service begins at 11:30 a.m.)

This old shoe says 'thank goodness' I'm not single

I was on the phone with an old buddy, Frank, the other day when I realized just how lucky I am not to be a part of the "single scene" anymore.

I suspect Frank, the perpetual bachelor, wishes he weren't still in

that boat from the way he tries and tries to meet "M is s Right" — everything from personal ads to surfing the Internet to shopping in the supermarket (for more than just food, I suppose).

Our conversations typically start some-

thing like this:

"So, what's up?" I casually ask.

"Not much. Same old, same old," he responds.

"Got a main squeeze yet? Met any nice girls?"

"Don't even ask," he answers glumly. "Got any nice friends?"

"Sure," I tell him, "but you live two-and-a-half hours away. That's a long drive for a date."

"Oh yeah. But if she's worth it..." he trails off.

"Better luck next time, old buddy. Chee up!" I say, trying to perk his spirits.

"OK, but you're eating a TV dinner alone every night and see how you like it," he retorts.

Enough said? I thought so.

The single scene. For some there are few words more unfriendly. If it means dining alone every night or going to "meat markets" to look for a date, well, then I guess I'm glad I took that ride down the aisle last year.

Unlike most guys, however, girls are raised dreaming about "the big day."

As soon as they're able to say "Mama," girls have visions of billowy, white dresses so puffed out with crinolines that it takes a couple of small children to carry the train. Add a cake, some pretty flowers and dozens of guests and you've got the makings for a perfect day. Oh yeah, there's that thing called the *groom*.

But there are disadvantages to being single. I guess free food at a married friend's house can't make up for everything. For starters, there's no warm, cozy spouse in bed next to you to warm your feet. If you're a woman, there's no "honeymoon" to do all those tiresome repairs around the house.

Then again, if you're a single woman, you'd have to worry about that mess "honeymoon" makes when he leaves his underwear strewn all over the floor. Hmmm, maybe there's more to this single thing than I originally thought!

Seriously, though, I guess I've never truly known what the "single life" is like. I've always had a steady fellas and not gone to bars or wherever people go in search of a mate.

None, we're like a pair of old loafers: comfortable, cozy and reliable. If we want to "jazz it up," we just throw on a little shine and go for a night in the town. Just like loafers.

Of course, that doesn't mean I don't try to fix up some of our single friends. I've attempted it a couple of times, but with bad results: romances that lit up like fireworks and fizzled just as quickly. I learned my lesson to stay out of others' affairs of the heart.

Still, I can't help but hope for my old buddy, Frank, who would make a swell "honeymoon." Anybody out there looking for a sweet, cuddly sports reporter with a shiny new sportscar and a great smile?

Ops. I'd better quit while I'm ahead.

By Victoria Hecht, editor



Off The Cuff

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Remember our veterans

As we prepare to celebrate Veterans Day on Nov. 11, it is a good time to pause to remember those who were willing to put their lives on the line for our country.

We recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II. That celebration



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

Memorial Day, 1988. It stands in honor to all the men and women from the Tidewater area who served their country in war and in peace. It is a fitting tribute to those who have fought for the cause of freedom.

The memorial also exemplifies what we can accomplish through community cooperation. The city of Virginia Beach dedicated the site and provided the initial seed money in 1983. Contributions from citizens, the military, local businesses and community groups financed the remaining costs.

To involve young people, we conducted a contest for design ideas. Three high school students shared in the final design with three themes emerging for the memorial. "A World Divided by War" is represented by the split spherical forms of the memorial. The waterfalls symbolizes "An Effort to Bring All People Together" and is a reminder of the turmoil of war.

A wall of flags, including the United States, Virginia and military flag, represents "The Service Rendered by Veterans." A POW/MIA flag will fly under the American flag until all Americans who are still missing in action or prisoners of war are accounted for.

This is a beautiful and moving tribute to all Americans who fought valiantly to win and preserve the freedom we all enjoy.

Each Veterans Day, we hold a memorial service at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial. It is hosted by the Marine Corps League under the auspices of the Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations.

This year's events will be held on Saturday, Nov. 11. It will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a parade along Atlantic Avenue starting at 16th Street, followed by a service at 11:30 a.m. at the Tidewater Veterans Memorial.

Each year the cities of Norfolk,

Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia

Beach issue a joint proclamation in honor of Veterans Day.

The proclamation reads:

Whereas, it has been the duty of every American to support and uphold those ideals and principles upon which our nation was founded; and

Whereas, Americans have unflinchingly answered the call to protect and defend those ideals and principles for the village green at Lexington to the greet tropics of Haiti;

Whereas, on this day we pause to remember and commemorate all American men and women who have faithfully served in the Armed Forces of the United States of America; and

Whereas, the Hampton Roads council of veterans Organizations, hosted by the Marine Corps League, will have a parade and patriotic ceremony honoring those men and women who have served their country, many sacrificing their lives.

Now, therefore, we the Mayors of the cities of Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, do hereby proclaim November 11, 1995, as Veterans Day in the Tidewater area and ask that Tidewater citizens and organizations demonstrate their appreciation, admiration and respect for those who have served our great nation.

General Norman Schwarzkopf once said, "We should all remember that the freedoms we enjoy in this great country of ours do not come without a price. They are paid for and protected by the lives, the limbs and the blood of American service men and women."

Our veterans have paid that price. Let us never fail to honor them for their dedication and commitment. The Hampton Roads Council of Veterans Organizations works hard to make Veterans Day a time of remembrance and honor for our veterans. I hope you will join us for the ceremony.

Helen Spore, administrative assistant to the mayor, contributed to this column.

By VICTORIA HECHT

Sun Editor

It's a big Earth, but we all have to share it. Ruby Arredondo is there to make sure that Virginia Beach's little corner of the planet is as healthy, happy and beautiful as possible.

As coordinator for the Clean Community Commission, one day this native Ohioan might be patrolling the roads in search of litter. The next day she may be congratulating environmentally-aware residents for their efforts in controlling it. On still another day she might be planning Virginia Beach's Earth Day festivities.

But, perhaps most importantly, Arredondo encourages environmental education awareness through a variety of school-related activities, interactive displays and community programs.

"One of the things we try to do is tell people, on a positive basis, that 'Yes, there is something you can do about the environment.' I hate scaring people that the world is going to end or whatever. People figure, 'Acid rain, what can I do about that?' That in itself might be true, but there are a whole bunch of other things that people can do if they take individual responsibility. If each of us does just one thing, we're doing an awful lot to help the world."

It could mean just turning off the faucet when brushing your teeth, recycling soda cans or participating in local cleanup efforts.

Getting the Clean Community Commission's message across to children is of utmost importance to the program's success, Arredondo continued.

"Children are not afraid to tell anybody anything. Everything to them is black and white — no middle ground. If they know you're not supposed to litter and that you're supposed to recycle, it's nothing to them to say, 'You're not supposed to throw that on the ground.' They'll go right up to somebody that I would hesitate going up to. They affect so many people; parents normally change because they want to be a role model for their children."

A graduate of Findlay College in Ohio with a bachelor's degree in Social Sciences/History, Arredondo fell into a career with the environment while working with a CETA (Comprehensive Employment Training Act) program through the Findlay County Commissioners Office in the '70s.

"That's when unemployment rates were so high, and it hit a lot of states. People who were employed for twenty-some years were suddenly out of jobs. Into the late '70s the environmental movement came around and it was assigned to our office. Mostly, it was on-the-job training — writing grants to get funding, that kind of thing."

When Arredondo was captivated by Hampton Roads' climate and moved to Virginia Beach 10 years ago, she soon got the job as Clean Community Commission coordinator. Part of her job entails directing the 7,000-plus volunteers who annually keep Virginia Beach beautiful through the Adopt-A-Spot and Street programs. Their efforts last year alone saved the city an estimated \$250,000.

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Up close and personal

Ruby Arredondo: A passion for Earth's preservation



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Favorite restaurant: I absolutely adore the Peking Duck at Fairfield Shopping Center. All the food there is wonderful.

Favorite meal: If it's an evening out, the fried shrimp with rice and tea at the Peking Duck. For a home-cooked meal, almost anything created by my husband, Dan, or my sister, Mary, is terrific.

What most people don't know about me: I'm very shy.

Best thing about myself: I love the interaction with people, and I'm a good listener.

Worst habit: I'm very detail-oriented, and I know that this trait sometimes drives people around me crazy.

Pets: We have two wonderful dogs. BJ is a beautiful, white German Shepherd/Samoyed who loves to rub herself around you if you're wearing anything dark. Rocky is a playful black Lab who thinks he is a lap dog. I must admit that he is my baby; unfortunately, he knows it too and tries to take advantage of it.

Hobbies: I like to read, take walks, work with plants, cross-stitch and work on crafts.

Ideal vacation: I would love to spend one month (at the least) in Europe with Dan.

Pet peeves: People who speak without thinking.

First job: The Children's Department of the Findlay-Hancock County Library.

Worst job: Basically, I have liked all my jobs because they have helped me diversify my abilities.

Favorite sports teams: I don't follow sports.

Favorite musicians: I really don't have a favorite.

I would like my epitaph to read: I'd encourage people to strive for excellence as opposed to perfection.

If I received \$1 million: I would invest part of it. The rest would go to my parents and family, and we would make sure we had some fun with some of it.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would talk about taking individual responsibility for your own actions.

THE ARTS

Founders Inn brings holiday classic, 'It's a Wonderful Life' here

The Founders Inn Dinner Theatre is presenting America's favorite holiday classic, "It's a Wonderful Life." Based on the 1940s Frank Capra film, this delightful stage adaptation by Michael Tifford captures the essence of the timeless tale that touches everyone every Christmas and brings it to life through the original musical score of David Neils.

"It's a Wonderful Life" is the heart-warming story of George Bailey who, after living his life in small town, U.S.A., sacrifice great ambitions and dreams for the sake of his family and neighbors, finds himself on the brink of ruin, seemingly a failure, wishing he'd never been born.

A wingless angel named Clarence is sent to try to save George from suicide. He grants George's wish and allows him to see what his world would have looked like without him. George discovers that his life of sacrifice and apparent disappointment has been a wonderful life after all.

Critics called "It's a

Wonderful Life" a superior musical with polish and imagination at every turn.

Diane Lantz of *The Village News* writes, "This production of 'It's a Wonderful Life' takes the familiar film story and makes it new and fresh by presenting it as a musical, adding a welcome twist to a holiday favorite."

Performances run from Nov. 10 through Jan. 2 with show times as follows:

Nov. 10 - 28 (four shows each week), Tuesday/Friday, dinner 6:30 p.m./show 8:15 p.m.; and, Saturday/Sunday, dinner 5:30 p.m./show 7:30 p.m.

Nov. 30 - Jan. 2 (six shows each week), Tuesday - Friday, dinner 6:30 p.m./show 8:15 p.m.; and, Saturday/Sunday, dinner 5:30 p.m./show 7:30 p.m. (with matinees on Dec. 9 at 4 p.m. and Christmas Day at 3 p.m.)

There will be no performance on Christmas Eve or New Year's Eve. The price for dinner and theater is \$35.50 and theater only is \$22. To make reservations, call 366-5749 or 366-5779 for group sales.



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ROMANCE BLOOMS. George Bailey (Lewis Stark) and Mary Hatch (Parvada McElroy) find themselves in close proximity — and in love — in the founders Inn Dinner Theatre production of "It's a Wonderful Life."

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'Social Security' auditions set

Auditions for "Social Security" by Andrew Bergman (screenwriter of such hits as "Blazing Saddles," "Fletch," "Honeymoon in Vegas") will be held on Nov. 13 and 14 at The Actors' Theatre Studio, 356 Independence Blvd., in Virginia Beach.

The open call will be held from 7 - 9 p.m.

"Social Security" is about a hip East Side couple (Barbara and David Kahn), a square suburban twosome (Trudy and Martin), and Barbara and Trudy's aging and cantankerous mother, Sophie Greengrass.

Throw in Sophie's penchant for spitting sour balls, a daughter in college addicted to sex and a nearly 100-year-old artist and you have about two hours on non-stop laughter.

Needed are two men and two women in their mid-30s to 40s; one man and one woman age 60 and up and very ethnic New York Jewish. Jonathan Marten will direct.

Little Theatre needs players

The Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, 14th Street and Barberon Drive, will hold auditions at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 20, and Tuesday, Nov. 21, for "Six Degrees of Separation" by John Guare.

Needed are four women and 13 men ages from 19 to 60 years. Tom Fenton will direct.

For more information, contact 486-2033.

Arts demonstration

The Portsmouth Museum will present a demonstration using fresh, silk and dried material for holiday decorations on Thursday, Nov. 16. Creative ideas for door, mantel and table decorations will be covered.

The guest speaker for this event will be Lauren Gehman, horticulturist and floral designer for eh Portsmouth Department of Parks and Recreation. The class will be held from 9 - 11 a.m. at The Arts Center of the 1846 Courthouse.

Artists Gallery sale

The Artists' Gallery will present an annual "Show and Sale for the Holidays" starting Nov. 10 and continuing through Dec. 5. The exhibit will include works of painting, sculpture, photography, pottery and ceramics by more than 30 artists with special savings on all works.

The Artists' Gallery is located at 24th Street and Pacific Avenue and will be open daily from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., except for Sundays and Mondays. Call 425-6671 for more information.

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THAT'S SHOW BIZ! "Stepping Out," opening Nov. 17 and running through Dec. 9 at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, includes a wide cast of talented performers.

Little Theatre 'Stepping Out' this season

"Everybody's taking classes of one kind or another these days," says Vera, the snobbish busybody, as she watches Rose, a large West Indian and Dorothy, a short Caucasian, make their clumsy attempts at learning a tap routine.

These are only a few of the many colorful and funny characters you will meet in "Stepping Out," another first-rate show opening Nov. 17 at Little Theatre of Virginia Beach.

Directed by Shirley Hurd, choreography is by Karen Bucchel and musical direction by Kay Buremer.

Set in the basement of a church hall, "Stepping Out" by Richard Harris (a contemporary British playwright) is a hilarious comedy about a group of would-be tap dancers who meet once a week to take class.

Accompanied on the piano by a prudish and disapproving Mrs. Fraser, we watch as Mavis, an ex-professional chorine, cajoles



DANCERS EXTRAORDINAIRE! Karen Bucchel and Kay Buremer will star in "Stepping Out" by Richard Harris at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach starting Nov. 17.

"Stepping Out" will run for four weekends beginning Nov. 17. Evening performances at 8 p.m. with matinees at 3 p.m.

Performance dates are Nov. 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26 and Dec. 1, 2, 3, 8 and 9.

Tickets are \$10 general admission; \$7 senior citizens and students; and, Sunday matinees, \$7.

For reservations, call 428-9233.

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created "Chopiniana" for a project at Smith College where she was a faculty member.

Season subscriptions are still available at the following costs: adults, \$35 (reserved, \$40); students, \$17 (reserved, \$20); family, \$75, (reserved, \$85). These may be obtained by mail addressed to PCC Inc., P.O. Box 6361, Portsmouth, Va., 23703, or at the box office the evening of the performance.

Individual tickets are also available for this performance through the Willett Hall box office or through Andy Ticketmaster location at a cost of \$15 for adults and \$8 for students.

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DANCE EXTRAVAGANZA. Richmond Ballet dancers Brian Palmer and Claire Tuber will perform this Saturday at Willett.

THE ARTS

ChildsPlay hears 'Native voices' calling

ChildsPlay, the Generic Theater's monthly performance series for children of all ages, presents "Native Voices, Native Earth" Saturday, Nov. 11.

"Native Voices, Native Earth," written by Edward Morgan and Kathay James, describes Native American's closeness to the earth and nature through their legends, songs, poetry and music. The sounds and rhythms of native music are created using drums, rattles, bells and flutes.

"Native Voices, Native Earth" is performed by Marmalade, a professional children's theater troupe founded 13 years ago by local performers. Through young audiences of Virginia, Marmalade has performed in schools throughout the Commonwealth.

Marmalade's director Duke Miller said, "Native people rely on the earth for their food, clothing and even their inspiration. The message to young people is the importance of the earth to our existence."

Performers for "Native Voices, Native Earth" are Duke Miller, Lou Ann Volpindesta, Cathy Butler, Rebecca Williams and Steve Kohrher.

ChildsPlay takes place on the second Saturday of the month.

Performances are at 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Tickets are \$3. For reservations call the Generic Theater at 441-2160.

The Generic Theater is an independent, non-profit, professional theater.

Students tackle opera classic

The Governor's School for the Arts Department of Vocal Music, in collaboration with the Governor's School Instrumental Music and Dance Departments, will present the only area production of Henry Purcell's "Dido and Aeneas."

This 50-minute gem, first performed in 1689, is considered to be the first English opera and will be presented in a fully staged and costumed production, preceded by a short repertory dance concert of the governor's School Dance Department.

This is the first co-production

involving students of the Vocal Music, Instrumental Music and Dance curriculums and promises to be an exciting event. The opera will be directed and conducted by Alan Fischer, coordinator of vocal Music at the Governor's School, and choreographed by Pa Sorell, professional choreographer and long standing GSA Dance Department faculty member.

Performances are Friday and Saturday, Nov. 17 and 18 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, Nov. 19 at 2 p.m. at the University Theatre of Old Dominion University, 46th Street and Hampton Boulevard.



Something to sing about!

The Virginia Coast Chorus of Sweet Adelines International, under the direction of Edward Huenemann, will present a Christmas production of "Melody in Toyland" on Dec. 2 for two performances only (2 p.m. and 8 p.m.) at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theater. The production will include the talents of "Starshine," an International Medalist Comedy Quartet from Des Moines, Iowa, and "Silver Blend Chorus," a 90-voice group from Salem High School under the direction of Don Krudop. Tickets for the matinee performance are \$6; evening tickets are \$12 (reserved) and \$8 (general admission). Call 340-76578 for more information.

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE



A stroke can change your life forever

Small businesses worry: Who's next at the helm?

Who will take over the helm as the corporate and entrepreneurial leaders of the last two decades reach retirement age?

This was the biggest concern of 4,200 Certified Public Accountants recently polled around the nation by the Management Consulting Services Division of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

More than 58 percent of the respondents, who were drawn from every region in the country, ranked inadequate succession planning as the biggest threat for businesses with sales under \$3 million over the next 12 months.

More than 38 percent said the chief problem for larger companies will be environmental regulations. Nearly one-third of the respondents named succession planning as the number two concern for such companies.

"Clearly, these consultants, who are very close to the small business community, are concerned about the implication of the lack of preparedness as well as managerial skills in key position for small businesses as they mature and strive to create jobs and wealth for succeeding

generations," said Joseph Pulco, chairman of the management Consulting Services Executive Committee of the AICPA.

The Management Consulting Services Division has about 5,500 members who provide management consulting services to mostly small businesses.

About 46 percent of respondents think that the lack of well-honed managerial skills in top positions is a chronic condition for many smaller businesses. Less than 40 percent of the consultants feel small businesses are sufficiently aware of the cost-saving and profit-enhancing potential of health care alternatives. Neither do they feel that most small businesses are making the most efficient and profit-producing use of technology, and far too few are regularly evaluating how their cash is managed.

Less than 33 percent believe smaller companies maintain adequate asset protection systems or understand that there are many better ways to settle disputes than through litigation. These are areas most consultants say the larger companies have competently addressed.

OB/Gyn explains standard procedures of annual exam; what are the options if there is a problem

By Dr. Peter J. Kemp

A pap smear is a procedure your doctor uses when you go for your examination each year. Women are used to having one done. But most don't really understand what is being done or why it's being done.

When your doctor or health care provider sees you for your yearly exam, one part of the exam is when a specimen is inserted to see the upper end of the vagina where the cervix is located.

There are several ways of doing a pap smear. The most common is using a q-tip or small brush which is inserted in the little hole in the middle of the cervix, where the menstrual blood comes out of. By doing this, cells are gathered from what is called the endocervical canal.

These are then wiped onto a small microscope slide. At the same time a small spatula is used to again wipe the surface of the cervix for some additional cells. These are placed on the microscope slide and are sprayed with a fixative spray to prevent them from drying out.

This procedure was invented a long time ago by Dr. Papapanicolau, in order to detect cervical cancer.

These slides are then sent to a laboratory where they are reviewed primarily by someone called a cytotechnologist. This is

a person who is trained to examine the pap smear and look for any abnormally appearing cells or any obvious cancer cells.

If there is a question concerning this, then a pathologist, who is a doctor trained in examining microscopic tissue specimens, will reexamine the slide and confirm that there is something wrong with the pap smear.

Your doctor is sent a result on this which could show minor changes of a low-grade nature, or possibly a high grade change, which may be indicative of early cancer.

Once your doctor has these results, he may make several different decisions. One is to repeat the pap smear to see if there may have been a technical problem in processing it, or he may wait several months and repeat the pap smear to see if there are any true changes in the cervix.

Another option he may choose is to do a procedure called a colposcopy.

A colposcopy is a device that is basically a special binocular microscope that is used to look at the cervix after it is exposed with a speculum.

The surface is studied by your doctor to see if there are any irregularities or abnormally appearing surface features that may be a sign of pre-cancer or cancerous lesion.

At this time your doctor may take a small biopsy specimen, about the size of a letter of a typewriter key. This small piece of tissue can be given to a pathologist to examine under a microscope. Your doctor may also take a sample from the canal area, to assure there are no lesions that he cannot see during the exam.

Depending on the findings of this examination and the results from the pathologist, he may advise you to come for yearly pap smears or more frequent pap smears.

If the findings are high grade lesions or possibly early signs of cancer, you doctor may recommend further treatment.

Some of the options that are available to your doctor include a device that freezes the surface of the cervix and thus kills off the superficial abnormal cells allowing new cells to grow from under it.

Or, a laser can be used to either remove the surface cells, or perhaps remove a portion of the cervix and send it out for pathological diagnosis.

In addition, there is a new technique called a loop, which removes a small piece of tissue from the cervix which had the abnormal lesions. This can be sent to the pathologist for examination and also removes the lesion to prevent further spread.

Another procedure, called a cone biopsy, is done with either a laser or a scalpel in a hospital setting.

One of the risk factors that patients and their physicians may be interested in discussing is "how do they get these changes of the cervix?"

It is now known that a certain type of virus called the Human Papilloma Virus is responsible for a large portion of cervical cancer and the precancer lesions.

This is a sexually transmitted virus, thus the primary way preventing the spread is either abstinence or use of condoms.

The risk factors with this are sexual relationships begun at an early age or multiple partners. You should talk to your doctor about the risk factors involved and the possible ways of preventing them.

In review, the basic way your doctor attempts to prevent you from getting cervical cancer or precancer lesions is through an annual examination; doing a pap smear and having it read at a qualified laboratory; and, to act upon the results by further close observation or definitive treatment to prevent the onset of cervical cancer.

Dr. Peter J. Kemp is an OB/Gyn practicing in Chesapeake.

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Southeastern 'Parkway' OK'd — but with no tolls

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

Virginia Beach City Council not only has reaffirmed its support for the Southeastern Expressway (now referred to as the Southeastern Parkway by council), but has before it a strategy for funding that would eliminate the use of tolls.

By a vote of 10-1 Tuesday with councilman Robert K. Dean dissenting, council adopted a resolution reaffirming its support for the parkway and Greenbelt along an alignment south of Stumpy Lake. The project was first placed on the city's Master Street and Highway Plan on Jan. 27, 1984.

But while the Virginia Beach City Council was considering the parkway, the Chesapeake City Council was considering new alignment for Battlefield Boulevard which it has placed higher on its priority list than the expressway. The expressway or parkway would run from Route 44 in Virginia Beach to and including the Oak Grove connector in Chesapeake.

The project needs the endorsement of both cities to go ahead, but Chesapeake has put the parkway on the back burner, except for the Oak Grove Connector, to focus on Battlefield Boulevard.

Planning Director Robert Scott reported to council that the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) has developed at least one funding scenario that could completely finance the project by the year 2015.

The Hampton Roads MPO 2015 Regional Transportation Plan (required by the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act (ISTE)) identified \$677,532,000 for transportation projects in Virginia Beach through 2015, according to Scott. Of that, \$160,142,000 is committed to the fiscal year Transportation Improvement Program and \$517,390,000 is uncommitted.

Scott reported that the city's Transportation Committee prepared a list of potential city projects for the next 20 years, including the Southeastern Parkway, totaling \$516,550,000.

The Southeastern Parkway would get \$152,842,000 of which the city's share would be \$3 million.

In addition to the urban funds, an estimated \$306 million in national Highway System funds will be available to transportation projects in Hampton Roads and the Southeastern Parkway is identified as component of the National Highway System and a priority project in Hampton Roads. The 2015 regional plan calls for approximately \$160 million in NHS funding in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake for the parkway.

The parkway will cost approximately \$203 million, \$154 million for construction and \$49 million for condemnation.

Condemnation for economy's sake is at issue once again

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

A legislative proposal that would allow the city to condemn property for economic development purposes is running into opposition on Virginia Beach City Council.

The wording of the proposal in the legislative package presented to city council at a work session Tuesday goes beyond what some members intended, think some council members.

In addition, councilwoman Barbara Henley is a little leary that whatever proposal council sends to the General Assembly, it may come back in a form not acceptable to the less acceptable to the city.

"I've gotten a little bit gun shy with the General Assembly," said Henley. "Sometimes what we get back is not the same (as what we sent in)."

lion for right-of-way. Also, the Virginia Department of Transportation estimates an additional \$1.5 million will be needed to complete the final environmental document. These funds will be provided at VDOT's expense.

The project would include a four-lane divided roadway with grade-separated interchanges and a grass median 57 feet in width to accommodate future HOV lanes; a right-of-way width of approximately 300 feet will accommodate a bike path, a future transit mode (light rail) and other elements of a parkway typical section; right-of-way estimates include a provision for utility relocation, and the cost estimate does not account for transit, HOV lanes, park-and-ride facilities or wetland mitigation.

Scott pointed out that the funding strategy would provide as much as 90 percent of the project cost by the year 2015.

Mayer Meyer Oberndorf admitted that she was responsible for the switch from "expressway to parkway." She said that she had always been opposed to cutting up the city, and that she wanted to maintain a sensation of environment. She said that she could not support an expressway but could support a parkway.

Scott acknowledged that the name will more accurately reflect what the road would be like.

A disgruntled Dean, who has always opposed the Southeastern Expressway, added his own name changes "the Southeastern Parkway."

Scott said that the city has always been in favor of the southern alignment (south of Stumpy Lake). He said that there are no problems in the alignment from Route 44 to Salem Road, but around the Indian River Road area, the city wants to follow an alignment with less environmental impact.

He said that it is possible to fund the road without tolls, and that the city already owns some right-of-way near Oceana and other areas, such as the Lake Ridge property. The issue that concerns him is the ability of the city to select one alignment and to stick with it, he said.

Vice Mayor William D. Sesemann Jr. said "it can be debated whether the road is needed today, but it will be needed in the future." Also, the impact of the Chesapeake position is critical.

Dean said that the Oak Grove Connector is piggy backing on the Southeastern Expressway. The Oak Grove Connector is a part of the project supported by the city of Chesapeake, which Tuesday night appropriated \$2,087,003 for engineering design, adding to a previous appropriation of \$611,300.

The total cost of the connector will be \$35,257,253.

According to the staff that prepared the legislative package, council would request only a limited power of eminent domain for economic development purposes.

Councilman Robert K. Dean doesn't think the power is limited enough. He said that he had understood from earlier discussions that the power would be used only when title to the land had to be cleared. He said also that a public hearing should be held on the issue.

The city will have a public hearing on the whole legislative package proposed legislation that will be sent to the 1996 General Assembly for consideration, on Nov. 28, a night meeting of council which starts at 6 p.m.

At present the city has the power to condemn property, but only for public use, such as roads and schools. This has inhibited the city from putting together large tracts of land for industrial parks when a few property owners on a proposed site refuse to sell their property to the city through negotiation. In other cases, property owners are willing to sell but can't do so because clouds re-

America's veterans march victoriously again

By M.J. KNOBLOCK
Sun Correspondent

Strike up the band.

There were quite a few bands in the Veteran's Day parade on Atlantic Avenue last Saturday as area residents came out to watch the celebration in appreciation of the country's military veterans.

As various clubs and organizations marched down the street, many spectators cheered, clapped and waved American flags as bands, military organizations, schools, Scouts, local officials and pageant queens paraded by.

Wanda Roberts came to the parade with her son, Jamal, 1, to watch her husband march with his Army unit.

"It's a really good thing," said Roberts of the Veteran's Day celebration. "It's the kind of day that makes you think about all the past wars. It makes you realize how free we really are. There are a lot of countries that wish they were free."

As Roberts waited for the parade to begin, her son played with his American flag as he sat in his stroller on the sidewalk of Atlantic Avenue.

Roberts became pensive and smiled.

"It's a day of peace," she

added. It's a parade for peace. People in the United States, which I know it'll never be, with all these wars going on right now — like in Bosnia. Then we always have to send our troops over there. It'll never be peaceful here."

Linda Barnes, a Great Neck resident who was perched in a lawn chair at the sidewalk's edge less than a block away from Roberts, said she came out for the parade to celebrate the holiday, and let the military veterans of the wars know they were appreciated.

"I just think you need to honor the people that served the country," said Barnes. "It's good spirit for them — to let them know we appreciate all they do."

Woody Purcell was just across the street from Barnes, awaiting the beginning of the procession.

Down for a few days from Maryland's Eastern Shore, Purcell hoped there would be a parade, and "got lucky" when he discovered one was about to begin.

"It's something I like to watch, especially for what the vets have done — giving them thanks for what they've sacrificed," he said.

Just a few minutes later, the



YOUNG PATRIOT. Jamal Roberts, 1, waved his flag while waiting to see his father march with an Army unit in the Veterans Day parade at the Virginia Beach oceanfront. Photos by M.J. Knoblock



PARADE OF FLAGS. The Dam Neck Operations Specialists "A" School led the celebration with a parade of flags from Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake and Virginia Beach, as well as the 50 states.

sound of sirens erupted, as the Virginia Beach Police Department Motorcycle Unit began its ascent up Atlantic Avenue with the motorcycle units from the Norfolk, Portsmouth and Chesapeake police departments close behind.

They were followed by a parade of the local cities' flags, and the nation's 50 state flags carried by members of the Operations Specialist "A" School from Dam Neck.

The crowd began to applaud as the procession neared them.

"Everybody loves parades," said Nancy Dumar, who bounced her son, Miles, 6, on her lap as he covered his ears to drown out the sirens.

"This is so neat. Seeing all those flags makes you feel so patriotic. I know that might sound hokey, but it makes you feel good to see all those flags, and all those people, and know you're lucky to be here."

"It makes you appreciate the vets, because without them, we wouldn't be here today," she added.

The parade, which began on 16th Street, proceeded up Atlantic Avenue to 19th Street, and on to the site of the Tidewater Veteran memorial, across from the Pavilion.

After the parade, Mayor Meyer Oberndorf, who served as the grand marshal, spoke to the crowd at a memorial service.

'Gobblers' remain a Flanagan family tradition

By JANE ROWE

Sun Correspondent

David Flanagan squints into the setting sun and calls "gobble, gobble." About 398 turkeys, some snow-white in the bright sun, run toward the fence where he's standing. They press their faces against the wire and answer his call enthusiastically and loudly.

A male turkey pushed his way through them, strutting, with his tail feathers outstretched. He's bigger than his wives; the feathers on his face are peacock-blue, and he has the confident air of one who rules the barnyard.

"Look at that tom," Flanagan said, feigning irritation. "He thinks he's bad."

Turkeys can be aggravating animals, Flanagan said, and raising 400 of them each year is an expensive, time-consuming business. They're not noted for their intelligence, and they eat 150 pounds, or \$25 worth, of feed daily.

"If I leave the gate open, they get out, and then they're hard to get back in. And they're always hungry; you can't fill them up. And they want the high-priced food, they don't like corn because it's too cheap."

The "high-priced food" eventually pays off, because Flanagan's turkeys average weighing 22 pounds.

One year, "we had a gobbler that weighed 30 pounds," he said. "The man who bought it had to go out and buy a pan to cook it in."

Despite the aggravation, Flanagan can't conceal his pride when he talks about that gobbler or about the customers who have been buying their Thanksgiving dinners at his farm for 30 years.

Raising turkeys on the Pungo Ridge farm is a family affair for Flanagan, whose father and uncle raised them before the business passed to him. His 90-year-old mother, Alice, and his wife, Susan, help, and his two children,

Amy, 19, and Roy, 21, pitch in when they're home from college.

Their customers are also entering the second and third generation.

"We've had a market established since Dad was raising turkeys," Flanagan said.

"When one generation dies, the next generation picks it up," Susan continued.

For the Flanagan's, Thanksgiving preparations begin June 1, when they pick up the one-day-old turkeys from a hatchery in Goldboro, N.C. The tiny hatchlings are kept indoors under a heat lamp to protect them against late cold snaps.

"They've got to have heat on them, because I guarantee it'll turn cold the day we get them, or the day after," Flanagan said.

The turkeys stay inside their red house until about mid-July, when they're large enough to come outside. Even then, they require a lot of care. Flanagan feeds them twice daily, performs the irksome task of herding them back into their pen when they get out, and protects them from owls that feed on the young birds.

The Flanagan's lost a few turkeys to the predators before they discovered that lights, and a fence, helped.

radio tuned to a country music station will scare owls away.

"Now we leave the lights and radio on in the turkey house," Susan said. "Either the owls think someone's living in that house, or they just don't like country music."

The hardest job comes just before Thanksgiving when it's time to kill and pluck them.

"Killing time is a terrible, tiresome time," Flanagan said.

But about 35 or 40 relatives and friends turn out to help "and we try to make it fun, like the old-fashioned killing of turkeys."

Susan's task is to feed the hungry crew when the work is over.

"I cook a big Thanksgiving dinner for everybody, with ham, turkey, sweet potatoes and collards," she said.

It must be hard to kill animals after working so hard to care for them, but the Flanagan's are matter-of-fact about this aspect of the business.

"The killings never seemed to affect our children," Susan said. "They always seemed to understand that's what we were raising them for."

Still, she never told the hundreds of school children who used to tour the farm each year that the strutting, calling turkeys would wind up on someone's dinner table.

"I figured their teacher could explain it to them if she wanted to."

Susan, who has been hostess to up to 1,000 children per year, doesn't invite the school groups to the farm anymore because her own job as a pre-school teacher keeps her busy during school hours. But she has some fond memories of how the turkeys and the children reacted to each other.

"When the children went back to school they would usually draw a picture or write a letter to send

Photo by Jane Rowe

"HERE, BIRDIE, BIRDIE." Turkeys may not be the brightest animals in the world, but they're smart enough to come when they're called to dinner — not for dinner.

Photo by Jane Rowe

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Commentary

Let us give thanks

Aside from Independence Day, Thanksgiving is the most important of all the United States' national holidays. It stands not just for a day of food and merriment, home and hearth, but as a memorial to the struggle and strife by our ancestors as they began a new life on this continent.

Growing up, Thanksgiving Day's real importance was stressed to us in school through our history books, class plays and perhaps even re-enactments of the first Thanksgiving feast.

As adults we sometimes forget the true meaning of the holiday. Instead of being observed as a day of gratitude, it turns into a day off from work, a day to park in front of the television for football, a day to gorge on food.

Today in the United States, Thanksgiving is the annual day of thanks for the blessings of the past year, observed on the fourth Thursday of November in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico.



The tradition, most historians contend, began with the Pilgrims. After the survival of the first colony through a bitterly cold winter, and the gathering of the harvest, Gov. William Bradford of Plymouth Colony, Mass., issued a thanksgiving proclamation in the fall of 1621.

The first celebration of the holiday was marked by three days of feasting and games with Native Americans as the guests. Venison and wild turkey were the foods of choice.

Yet the holiday's origins are debatable. Other historians believe early settlers celebrated the first humble Thanksgiving on Virginia's Berkley Plantation in 1619, two years before their northern counterparts.

Days of thanksgiving were celebrated sporadically until Nov. 26, 1789, at which time President George Washington issued a proclamation for a nationwide day of thanksgiving. Washington specified the day should be one of prayer and giving thanks to God. Additionally, it was to be celebrated by all religions, helping to promote a spirit of common heritage.

Credit for establishing this day as a national holiday, however, is attributed to Sarah J. Hale, editor and founder of *Ladies Magazine* in Boston. Her editorials in the magazine and letters to President Abraham Lincoln urging the formal establishment of Thanksgiving as a national holiday resulted in Lincoln's proclamation designating the last Thursday of November as Thanksgiving — all in the midst of the Civil War raging on.

In 1941, Congress adopted a resolution setting the date again on the fourth Thursday of November. It has been celebrated on that day ever since.

This Thanksgiving, let us all bow our heads in prayer and reflect on the riches set before us. Let us not forget the true spirit of the holiday. — V.E.H.

Turkey, Mom and pumpkin pie

Gobble, gobble! That could very well be the mating call of lovesick turkeys, or maybe even hungry turkeys — or what we humans do when we sit down to dine on our fine feathered friends come Thanksgiving day.

Few holidays evoke childhood memories like Thanksgiving, or Big Bird Day as I like to call it.

Take on "gobbler," add heaping helpings of stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans and pumpkin pie, throw in

Of course, that Jolly Old Elf himself, Santa Claus, always ended each parade. I always wondered how he was able to be in two places at once!

Inspired by Santa's appearance on a shiny, red fire truck, Thanksgiving morning usually meant I'd pull out the Sears Wish Book and start making up my Christmas list. Many a childhood toy were the result of copiously writing down toy descriptions, page numbers and even prices on a scrap of paper for Mom to send Santa!

With the parades concluded and a seemingly endless slew of football games on the tube, that was my cue to help Mom with her kitchen duties. Looking back, I honestly wasn't

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a Thanksgiving Day parade on television and set Mom's finest china on the table. That accomplished, you've got the makings for a perfect holiday celebration.

At least, that's how I looked at it when I was a kid.

I clearly remember those chilly Thanksgiving mornings as a youngster. Just waking up later than normal (hurray — no school!) was the first thing for which I was thankful. Wiping the sleep from my eyes, I'd wander downstairs to the warm kitchen where Mom would already

Letters to the editor

Lucky resident offers thanks for this good cop

Editor:

Yesterday while moving grass at my church here in Virginia Beach my gas-powered leaf blower was taken. A lady who was driving a school bus saw the two lads pull into the parking lot, and one jumped out and took the blower. The driver of the bus noted the color of the car and the license number of the vehicle.

This is a commendable citizen for taking note of unusual events and doing something about it. She noticed me about what had occurred. I notified the police of Virginia Beach. Very soon after the call Officer George Fox arrived at the scene. He took down all the data and placed a call on his computer system from which he located the residence of the owner of the car.

He obtained the services of a detective and proceeded to the residence of the listed vehicle. I went to my residence, about one-half-hour later

Lend your support to Naval aviation history

Editor:

Capt. P.F. "Holy" Hollandsorth (USN Ret.), squadron president of The Hampton Roads Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation, announced today that a committee has been formed to erect and dedicate a memorial for Naval aviation.

The committee, with the support of the residents of Hampton Roads, will raise donated funds to purchase a site for the memorial. The memorial will be dedicated to all Naval and Marine Corps members of naval aviation. The committee will be chaired by Lt. Dennis E. Free of the Virginia

Officer Fox called me to say that they had recovered the blower. Approximately two hours elapsed between the time the blower was taken until I had it back in my possession. This is fast action.

Officer Fox and his accompanying detective need to be highly commended for a job well done. It reflects the training and dedication that both men have for their police duties. With the wave of negativity going across the country concerning law enforcement officers, we should be very proud to have this fine police force here in Virginia Beach, especially police officers with the caliber of Officer George Fox and his detective. Many thanks for a job well done.

James K. Ramborger
Laurel Cove
Virginia Beach

Beach Police Department.

The city of Virginia Beach is enthusiastic about the project and delighted that Virginia Beach was selected as the site for such a fitting and deserving memorial.

To support the efforts of The Hampton Roads Squadron of the Association of Naval Aviation, please send your donation to: The Naval Aviation Memorial, 2348 Huckleberry Trail, Virginia Beach, Va. 23456.

Lt. Dennis Free
Virginia Beach

Navy should stand up to its 'stand down' policy, get to heart of issue

It seems to me that recently the U.S. Navy has spent more time holding "stand down" than they have defending the country. Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Mike Boorda has called for another Navy "stand down" so that sailors and airmen can "take a hard look at themselves."

This recent "stand down" was caused by allegations that a drunken Navy chief petty officer assaulted a female sailor during a commercial flight from Norfolk to the West Coast last month.

It would seem that instead of bringing the Navy to a full stop, the proper thing to do would be to hold the offender responsible for his actions and if he is found to be guilty, punish him accordingly. A "stand down" was called during the Tailhook incident, and millions of taxpayer dollars were spent and very little was accomplished.

The "drunken sailor" case leaves a lot of unanswered questions. Was the sailor drunk when he boarded the plane? Was he served drinks aboard the plane? Why didn't the female sailor move or make a formal complaint to the airline attendants? Was there a personal relationship between the chief and female sailor, or were they just shipmates?

No matter what the answer to those questions are, she did not deserve to be touched under any circumstance; but to let that unfortunate incident disrupt the whole U.S. Navy is insane.

Unfortunately, the Navy has not been too lucky in the choice of their last two chiefs of Naval Operations. Former CNO Adm. Frank Kelso was a wimp who let himself be jerked around by the National Organization for Women and such men haters as Barbara Mikulski, Barbara Boxer, Pat Schroeder, Carol Mosley-Brown and others. Boorda is following in his footsteps.

Other questions that need to be answered include: Who is running the ship while the sailors are sitting around listening to courses on sexual harassment? How much does it cost to hold these "stand downs"? Is it the Navy's intention to hold a "stand down" every time a drunken sailor makes a pass at a female sailor?

If so the Navy is in a world of trouble. The solution to this problem is to jerk a knot in the tail of sexual harassers as individuals not as group punishment. Also, if the Navy persists in holding "stand downs," then perhaps we do not need them. Let the Coast Guard defend the country while the Navy holds sexual harassment seminars.

Welcome to the real world.

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Outreach worker takes mission to West Indies

Recently Carolyn K. Williams of our Community Service Board's Substance Abuse Program was selected to join Kirsten Bradley, the American Red Cross HIV/AIDS educator, to provide HIV/AIDS Training to the Red Cross staff in Antigua, West Indies.



The Mayor's Report

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf

AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases, with the goal of decreasing the number of new cases of HIV/AIDS.

Two years ago, Carolyn became the only full-time outreach worker for the city. Since it was no longer feasible to do community outreach alone, Carolyn utilized her skills within the Community Services Board, she began giving training to staff, volunteers and students.

She also started conducting HIV/AIDS educational sessions for citizens that were in treatment for substance abuse related issues. Carolyn then expanded her efforts into the Virginia Beach Correctional Facility and trained 118 inmates to

become HIV/AIDS peer educators. The inmates in turn trained their peers on basic HIV/AIDS information. No other correctional facility in the state has offered this type of HIV/AIDS peer educator training to our knowledge.

The Red Cross Society in Antigua, West Indies, requested the services of the American Red Cross to conduct an HIV/AIDS Instructor Trainer Course as well as to help provide outreach in the brothels (Sex Workers Hangout) and in the jail. Since Carolyn is a certified red Cross instructor trainer, and she had experience in both outreach and jail, she was invited to assist the Red Cross with this training.

Carolyn reported that she and Kirsten worked long, hard hours while on the island for 10 days. Gerald Price, their friendly Red Cross Society guide, hosted them while on the island. Price introduced Carolyn and Kirsten to several top officials on the island. They met the Minister of Health and Social Services as well as the AIDS Secretary.

They conducted the training Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 8 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and were off on Sunday and Monday. The time off would have been an additional reward, however. Antigua is considered to be the heart of the Caribbean Islands and time does not stand still.

By the time the ladies got off work and back to their hotel, the sun was going down at 7 p.m. Sunday the entire island is closed and Monday was a National holiday, so again everything was closed. They were back to work on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Carolyn said the training went very well.

She just wished she could have seen more of the island!

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much help at all, but Mom always made my little tasks seem important: putting pickles and olives on condiment trays, washing the celery and smearing it with peanut butter, setting the water glasses out and maybe, if I was lucky, stirring the gravy.

Finally, a frazzled Mom would take her place at the dining room table with the rest of the family. After our prayers, we'd all dig in.

"Dibs on the drumsticks!" my brother Rex would exclaim.

"Gimme the wings!" Steve would chorus.

And the holiday gluttony would commence. By dessert, even though we were stuffed to the gills, we'd still squeeze in some pecan pie topped with whipped cream. Yummy! Groaning, we'd all make our way to the nearest comfy couch or chair to digest the meal.

Poor Mom, in the meantime, was left to clean up the mess — something to this day I still feel awful about.

But one year, to our shock, she rebelled.

"No Thanksgiving dinner this year!" she declared. "We can all go out to the Chinese restaurant and eat!"

Disappointed, we protested — but to no avail. Mom had her reasons,

however. She had gone back to ODU and needed Thanksgiving Day to work on a term paper that was due — and just simply didn't have time to slave over a hot stove.

Today I understand and can sympathize; but back then, as a selfish youngster, I didn't. Alas, the foibles of youth.

These days, with a house and husband of my own, I'm thinking about turning the tables and cooking a feast of my own for the family. Not necessarily a Thanksgiving dinner, mind you, because no one trusts me to that task yet; but a holiday meal at Christmas time sounds good.

Then it'll be my turn to baste the big bird, concoct the stuffing and attempt to make good gravy (something I still can't do). I'll pull out the good wedding china, which I have saved for such an occasion, and the sparkling crystal. Then, if all goes well, the Butterball turkey will melt in everyone's mouths.

For that I would be truly thankful.

In the meantime, however, I will give thanks this Thursday for the bounty that life has offered me: a loving family, a new husband, two adorable pets, a little house to call my own, a good job and decent health.

Happy Thanksgiving everyone, and, oh, please pass the stuffing!



Courtesy Photo

Parent to parent

September Place and Birdneck Elementary hosted the grand opening of their collaborative project, the Parent to Parent Room, recently. Virginia Beach mayor Meyera Oberndorf cut the ribbon to open the new center. Others in attendance to celebrate the opening of this non-profit community-based organization included State Sen. Ken Stolle and ABC Chairwoman Catherine Giordano. The project will provide parents with the opportunity to enhance their personal skills, upgrade job seeking skills and provide G.E.D. classes. Emphasis on increasing parent knowledge regarding wellness, including nutrition, vaccinations, health and consumer education will also be stressed. September Place is planning several other programs in Hampton Roads, including additional Parent to Parent Rooms and a youth home for troubled children.

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Up close and personal

Marge Gabor: A different approach to learning

By VICTORIA HECHT

Times Editor

It takes a lot out of a 3-year-old trying to grasp the world around him as he learns life's smallest skills — making a sandwich, washing his hands or even just turning off a water faucet. That's why the youngsters enrolled in the Montessori program at Children's Harbor-Olde Towne are sacked out on tiny cots for a well-earned nap time.

Teacher Marge Gabor looks at the small forms huddled under blankets as they peacefully sleep to the sounds of soothing classical music. Occasionally a child will awaken briefly and, through heavy eyelids, grin teacher. Gabor smiles back at her young charge.

Unlike her counterparts in the traditional American classroom, Gabor won't necessarily tell the child to go back to sleep. She might suggest he remain in his restful cot, but using the Montessori approach children are urged to make decisions for themselves.

A native of Ohio, Gabor was teaching kindergartners at Cape Henry Collegiate in Virginia Beach when she was approached about taking a summer course in the Montessori approach. After a three-week crash course, she was fascinated with the methods created by Maria Montessori during the late 1800s. After another year Gabor became certified in the approach.

"I wish I had known about this when my children were young," she said wistfully. "As you are educating you broaden the child, and they become so absolutely independent. Maria Montessori said, 'You never do for a child what they can do for themselves.'

Gabor's classrooms are testament to that. Broken in five segments, children develop their intelligence at five learning stations: practical life, sensorials, language, math and culture. The approach is popular in Europe.

"But it's never quite caught on in the United States," she said. "The child does for himself — actually teaches himself — while I am in the background as a teacher. I give lessons, but the child's awakening he does on his own. Since most of the materials we use are self-correcting, if something isn't working the child will discover this on his own and go ahead and approach it in another way until he can master it."

Impressed with the method, she said some of her students at ages 3 and 4 can point out and name all the continents on a map. They can also count up to 9,000 using beads, and phonics develop their vocabulary and spelling.

Because the Montessori class at Children's Harbor is very small, Gabor takes careful notes of each child's successes and charts their progress.

"Most of the parents are fascinated by how independent these children can be — how they can get things done so young," she marveled.

First-time visitors to the Montessori program are often amazed how quiet, courteous and well-mannered the children are. That's because Gabor stresses these qualities.

"People will come in and say, 'They're so calm!' They're always busy. The nice thing about this approach is that it's a prepared environment."

Gabor, who recently took the Children's Harbor post after working at TCC-Virginia Beach's Montessori classroom, enjoys the new job for the latitude it offered her in structuring the facility's program. She calls it a "happy workplace."

Her job is also made enjoyable by the children with whom she works. They never cease to amaze her.

"It's like little Katherine came up to me and said, 'Miss Marge, can you put on The Nutcracker today during nap time?' What 3- or 4-year-old do you know who can name The Nutcracker?"

A resident of Virginia Beach, where she resides at Cape Henry Shore, Gabor comes to Portsmouth with 15 years in the education field. She is a graduate of Ohio State with a bachelor's degree in Home Economics and has lived in Japan and the Philippines.

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Marge Gabor, Montessori teacher

Marital Status: I have been married to John for 26 years.

Children: I have two sons. Duane is 25 years old and is a systems engineer working for Anderson Consulting in Washington, D.C. Keith is 22 years old and is a fourth-year student at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. Both are single.

Favorite movies: I love all kinds of movies — romantic comedies such as "Sleepless in Seattle," "Forget Paris" and "Nine Months," and more serious movies such as "The Fugitive," "Forrest Gump" and "Apollo 13."

Magazines I regularly read: I enjoy news magazines such as *Newsweek* and *U.S. News and World Report*.

Favorite authors: John Grisham ("The Chamber") and Tom Clancy ("Hunt for Red October").

Favorite night out on the town: Going out to dinner with my husband and good friends. It does not have to be fancy, but it must be good conversation with good friends. Last year my favorite night out was with my husband and my two sons when we all had Thanksgiving dinner together at Caesar's Palace in South Lake Tahoe, Nevada. A very special moment for us all.

Favorite restaurant: Alexander's in the Bay in Virginia Beach and Scale O' De Whale in Portsmouth.

Favorite meal: Definitely steamed shrimp and white wine.

What most people don't know about me: People really don't know what a shy person that I really am. Although I am very comfortable in a classroom with students, I am very nervous when I have to speak in front of a large audience.

Best thing about myself: I have a strong work ethic and am devoted to whatever I do. I am very sincere and a good friend and would never intentionally hurt anyone.

Worst habit: Love of chocolate. Enough said.

Pets: I have only one pet. She is a 3-year-old white cockatiel named Sunshine.

Hobbies: Walking two to three miles per day in the early morning hours four or five times per week.

Ideal vacation: Without question, I would vacation in the mountains of South Lake Tahoe, Nevada with my family. It's so beautiful and serene.

Pet peeves: People who are artificial and who don't honor their commitments to me.

First job: I was trained to be an EEG technician at St. Luke's Hospital in Cleveland, Ohio when I was in high school.

Worst job: When I was in college I had a job calling for household discards.

Favorite sports teams: The Cleveland Indians and the Cleveland Browns.

Favorite musicians: Kenny G and Yanni. Very soothing music.

I would like my epitaph to read: "A nice person who truly loved life and her family deeply."

If I received \$1 million: Of course, I would have to make a special donation to our new church, St. John the Apostle Catholic Church. In addition, I would love to have a new four-wheel drive vehicle and a house in Lake Tahoe, Nev.

If I had 10 minutes on national television: I would love to try and convince people to be nice to each other and try to make peace — unquestionable peace — with each other. I just don't understand why we can't forgive the sins of the past and try to make this world a better place for each other and our children. All this arguing and fighting is so senseless.

ARTS

Virginia Opera stages glitzy extravaganza of classic 'Die Fledermaus'

Virginia Opera presents a glittering holiday production of Johann Strauss' "Die Fledermaus" Nov. 17, 19, 22, 24 and 26 in Norfolk's Edith C. and Stanley L. Harrison Opera House as the second production in its 21st season.

This classic Viennese opera, sung in English, will also be presented in Richmond's Carpenter Center on Dec. 7 and 9 and features the return of Virginia Opera favorite soprano Amy Johnson as Rosalinda, the debut of baritone Douglas Webster as Einstein and a talented ensemble of Virginia Opera alumni.

The bubbly, effervescent "Die Fledermaus" is set against the lush backdrop of 1870s Vienna and will feature the glittering set designs of Miguel Romero originally created for Virginia Opera's 1982 production. Assistant Artistic Director Jerome Shannon will conduct and the work will be given a fresh, unique staging by actress-playwright-director Lillian Garrett-Groag.

Filled with liting waltzes, the opera takes its title from the costume (a bat) worn by Dr. Falke, the mastermind behind the get-even plot which serves as the basis for the operetta's fast-paced antics. Dr. Falke, in a quest for revenge for the trick his friend Gabriel von Eisenstein played on him earlier, employs Eisenstein's wife and his chambermaid, plus the local jailer and a bored Russian prince all in various disguises to trick Eisenstein.

Following a hilarious turn of events at a masquerade ball hosted by Prince Orlofsky, all the characters congregate at the local prison where a riotous climax ensues. In the end, all is written off to the "bat's revenge."

The music for "Die Fledermaus" provides the perfect sparkle, wit, grace and charm to convey the mood of a Viennese evening filled with masquerade, mistaken identity, marital infidelity, eventual forgiveness and reconciliation. Johann Strauss, the "Waltz King," composed most of his popular waltzes during the 1860s, but with "Die Fledermaus," his third operetta, he became a true composer of the theater and composed a veritable masterpiece which even today remains the paragon of 19th century Viennese operetta.

Baritone Douglas Webster, having performed roles ranging from the title role in "Don Giovanni" to Jean Valjean in Broadway's "Les Misérables," makes his Virginia Opera debut as the gentleman Gabriel von Eisenstein. Webster made his professional debut in Leonard Bernstein's as for the Bernstein 70th Birthday Gains at the Tanglewood Festival, a role he has also performed for National Public Radio.

Soprano Amy Johnson, a favorite of Virginia Opera audiences, returns for her role debut as Rosalinda, Eisenstein's new bride. Johnson appeared twice on the Virginia Opera stage last season: first as Mercedes Saenz de Thorne, Bolivar's fiery mistress in Thea Musgrave's world premiere opera "Simon Bolivar" and secondly as the flirtatious Museta in "La Bohème."

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Six Virginia Opera alumni return for the on-stage merriment: tenor Eric Dillner (Borsa, "Rigoletto," 1995); Third Jew, "Salomé," 1994; and, Gastone, "La Traviata," 1994) as the singing teacher Alfred; soprano Laureen Vigil (Maria, "West Side Story," 1994) as the Eisenstein's chambermaid Adele; baritone Richard Lewis (Rodriguez/El Serrano, "Simon Bolivar," 1995; First Nazarene, "Salomé," 1994) as the mischievous Dr. Falke; mezzo-soprano Carter Scott (Maddalena, "Rigoletto," 1995) as the playboy Prince Orlofsky; tenor Kevin Wines (First Jew, "Salomé," 1994; Flavio, "Norma," 1994) as Dr. Blind, a lawyer; and baritone Bill Sinclair (Daniel O'Leary, "Simon Bolivar," 1995; Fifth Jew, Salomé, 1994; marquis d'Obigny, "La Traviata," 1994; Sciarone, "Tosca," 1993) as Herr Frank, a prison warden.

Rounding out the cast are G. F. Rovas as Frosh and mezzo-soprano Carin Cowell as Ida. Rovas is a veteran actor-director with more than 200 roles and 130 productions to his credit including the Goodman Theater, the Virginia Stage company and the Norfolk Little Theater.

Actress-playwright-director Lillian Garrett-Groag returns to Virginia Opera to stage the sophisticated Viennese satire. Her previous Virginia Opera credits are the world premiere production of Thea Musgrave's "Simon Bolivar" in 1995 and Puccini's "Tosca" in 1993, her operatic directorial debut.

"Die Fledermaus" features the glittering set designs of renowned artisan Miguel Romero originally premiered by the company in 1982. Romero's frequent association with Virginia Opera dates back to the company's first "Il Trovatore" (1977), premiere productions of Thea Musgrave's "Many, Queen of Scots" (1978) and "A Christmas Carol" (1979) plus five additional productions.

"Die Fledermaus" will be sung in English. Single ticket prices for the five performances in Norfolk's Harrison Opera House range from \$19 to \$68. Call the Virginia Opera Box Office at 623-1223 for tickets.

Trio Series Subscriptions are on sale in both Norfolk and Richmond and include the productions of Strauss' "Die Fledermaus," Wagner's "The Flying Dutchman" and Rossini's "The Barber of Seville." Trio prices begin at \$33 in Norfolk and at \$31 in Richmond.

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ODU Theatre presents, 'Dancing at Lughnasa'

Old Dominion University Theatre continues its 1995-1996 season with the regional premiere of Brian Friel's winning masterpiece "Dancing at Lughnasa." Considered Friel's masterpiece, "Dancing at Lughnasa" is also the recipient of the Outer Critics Circle Award and New York Drama Critics Circle Award.

This extraordinarily poignant play tells the story of five unmarried sisters eking out their lives in a small Irish village in 1936. The sisters, caught up in the revelry of the pagan harvest festival of Lughnasa, are momentarily transformed through music and dance in a tribute to the indomitable human spirit.

Director Erlene Hendrix is thrilled to be able to present audiences with such a powerfully-moving piece that will be making its debut here in Hampton Roads. Says Hendrix, "What working o

this piece, the cast and I have been astonished by Friel's ability to capture both the humor and pathos of his character's lives. Wonderfully comic moments interrupt moments of sweetness, sadness and longing. Friel is masterful at controlling shifting moods through the musical nature of his words. Simply stated, this is a beautiful play."

The show opens Nov. 17 at 8 p.m. and runs Nov. 18 at 7 p.m. and runs Nov. 19 and Dec. 2 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 19 and Dec. 3 at 3 p.m. in the Stables Theatre (46th Street between Hampton Boulevard and Killian Avenue behind the Technology Building).

Tickets are \$8 general admission; \$7 faculty, staff, senior citizens and non-ODU students; \$5 ODU students with a valid student ID and groups. Call 683-5303 for information and reservations.

Center for the Arts hosts works of contemporary glass artists

"Dancing in a Sea of Light" is the second exhibition curated from the collection of Isaac and Sonia Luski — considered one of the leading art collections in North Carolina. The first exhibition from that collection was entitled "Dancing in a Garden of Light" and was curated by Frank Thomson for the Asheville Art Museum.

Recently, the Luskis opened their home and extraordinary collection to do that the Virginia Beach Center for the Arts could create its own exhibition celebrating innovative work in contemporary glass.

The Arts Center is located on the corner of Court and High streets in Olde Towne Portsmouth and is accessible to the disabled. Hours are Tuesday to Saturday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, 1 - 5 p.m.

"Dancing in a Sea of Light" showcases the work of 23 studio

Museum Monday presentation set

The Arts Center of the Portsmouth Museums presents Linda McGivney, associate professor of Art History at Old Dominion University, who will present a 30-minute film, "Duane Hansen and His Studio," as part of the Museum Monday program on Monday, Nov. 27.

The film has been provided by the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts and offers an exploration of contemporary sculpture and Duane Hansen's personal style as an ultra-realistic sculptor.

This program has been made available to complement the current exhibition at The Arts Center, "Marc Sijan: Ultra-Realistic Sculpture," on exhibit until Dec. 31. It is free and open to the public, contact Lorrie Mastemaker for reservations at 393-8534.

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GOBBLE, GOBBLE. Flanagan Farm turkeys have been a Virginia Beach tradition for decades, with second and third generations visiting the site for their holiday needs. The Flanagans raise an estimate 400 birds annually.

Gobblers remain a family tradition

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“me,” she said. “One little girl told me about how bad the turkeys smelled.”

Still, most of the children were curious about the turkeys, and Susan thinks that the birds enjoyed showing off for the children.

“A few minutes before the children would arrive ‘I’d go out and tell the turkeys ‘OK, girls, you’re going to have company,’ and the turkeys would come to the fence to see the children,” she said. “And I think ‘turkeys are supposed to be so stupid but they mind better than the children do.’”

Flanagan agrees that turkeys “aren’t as dumb as you think.”

It doesn’t take them long to figure out who feeds them and

what time they’re supposed to get fed. When it’s time for the morning feeding, “they start talking and kicking up such a racket,” Susan added.

Despite the racket, the birds sometimes have to wait a little while for breakfast because Flanagan has other farm chores to attend to. He not only raises the turkeys for Thanksgiving dinner, but he provides the yams to go with them.

Sweet potatoes grow well in the sandy Pungo soil, and this year Flanagan’s digging so many that he’s had to travel to Winchester to buy more baskets to hold them all.

“We’ve had a good yield this year,” he said. “Sweet potatoes like dry weather, but I don’t think

they like it as dry as it’s been this year. I don’t know how to explain this year.”

For those who like fruit as an appetizer before Thanksgiving dinner, the Flanagans can provide the answer to that, too.

His 90-year-old mother, Alice, raises and sells persimmons, pomegranates and possibly the only kiwi fruit grown in Virginia. Other local people have tried unsuccessfully to grow the tropical fruit here, and Flanagan suspects the wood behind his house help to shelter his mother’s vines from the cold winds.

But turkeys remain the Flanagan family’s main stock in trade.

“It’s a major part of my livelihood, and I’ve lived with it all my life,” he said.

of their property. She said that she was in favor of condemnation only to clear titles.

Councilman Linwood Branch said that the staff bring in a report on the progress at Burton Station and added that there is no guarantee that the proposed legislation will not sell or cannot be caused by the cloud over titles.

Henley pointed out that it seemed to be a reversal of roles for Baum who usually argues for private property rights.

Councilman W.W. Harrison Jr.

said that he has had experience in the area, and that litigation has been successful in denying the power of condemnation when the property ultimately will be used by a private individual. He said that the private use would have to leave a sufficient ultimate public purpose.

Henley said that she knew just enough about eminent domain “to make me real nervous. It has been broadly upheld...in other states,” she said. “Once enabled the council could end up doing a lot of things that I don’t think this council would do but other councils might.”

If the city condemns the property and then transfers it to a private entity, it will be benefiting a private entity, she said. In other states the power is used to condemn blighted areas. The proposed ordinance, she said, doesn’t even have that.

She said that the concept is repugnant to the constitutional protection of private. “To use it just to develop industrial property...is too broad,” she said.

Lilley said that the staff has prepared a specific statutory amendment with comments.

Harrison said that he understood Henley’s concerns, that if you don’t trust future councils, it’s like putting the fox in the henhouse. He added, however, that it was important to avoid problems you have with hold-out landowners.

He said that it was important that the city have lawyers at the General Assembly to see that the city’s version are those adopted by the Assembly. He said that with a carefully-worded ordinance, the city would be subject to the same legal scrutiny that it has prevailed in other areas. He held up as an example the Oyster Point area where the locality was denied the power to condemn property for private uses.

Henley said that she was concerned because of the history of Burton Station, an old, predominantly black community where the same families have held property for years. If a party wanted condemnation to clear the title to the land, “that’s what we wanted.” She added that the people were concerned about the taking

of their property. She said that she was in favor of condemnation only to clear titles.

Councilman Linwood Branch said that the staff bring in a report on the progress at Burton Station and added that there is no guarantee that the proposed legislation will not sell or cannot be caused by the cloud over titles.

Henley said she also wanted to know whether other cities and agencies are working on the same type of authorization and said that she was interested in a reverter clause.

Mayor Meyera Oberndorf, responding to comments at the session, asked Council to make recommendation to the staff that would more narrowly define the condemnation authority.

This address: Bethel Trial Court P.O. Box 130 Bethel, AK 99559.

Failure to do so within 30 days after the last date of publication/posting of this notice may result in the court granting a decree of dissolution of marriage as requested in the petition.

Date October 4, 1995, CLERK OF COURT Tanya R. Grant, Deputy

5. An Ordinance upon Application of Kyler S. Escalera for a Conditional Use Permit for motor vehicle sales on the north side of Virginia Beach Boulevard, 130 feet east of the Norfolk/Virginia Beach Expressway. Said parcel is located at 1786-1788 Virginia Beach Boulevard and contains 17,000 square feet. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

6. An Ordinance upon Application of M.E. Cox Center for Elder Day Health Care, Inc., for a Conditional Use Permit for a day care center for the elderly at the southeast corner of N. Lynnhaven Road and Little Neck Road. Said parcel is located at 644 N. Lynnhaven Road and contains 11,969 acres. LYNNHAVEN BOROUGH.

7. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 102 (a) of the City Zoning Ordinance to establish a B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core Zoning District. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

8. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 111 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to definition of outdoor cafe and outdoor plaza. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

9. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Section 203 of the City Zoning Ordinance pertaining to parking requirements in the B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core Zoning District. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

10. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Article 2 of the City Zoning Ordinance by adding Sections 233.01, 239.01 and 239.02 pertaining to conditional use permit requirements for multi-family dwelling, outdoor cafes and outdoor plazas in the B-3A Pembroke Central Business Core District. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

11. Motion of the City of Virginia Beach to amend and reordain Sections 900, 901, 902, 903, 904 and 905 of the City Zoning Ordinance to establish a B-3A Pembroke Central Business District and to modify the B-3 Central Business District. More detailed information is available in the Planning Department.

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HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Defense Logistics Agency hosts 'Customer Workshops and Expo' at Norfolk Marriott

The Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) will host "Customer Workshops and Expo" Jan. 17-18 at the Norfolk Waterside Marriott. The event features product displays and informational workshops that provide practical

information to DLA military and civilian customers. DLA customers include supply personnel, logisticians and managers from Defense Department facilities, the military services and other federal

activities.

DLA manages 3.8 million supply items and provides the full range of technical and logistics services. The agency operates a state-of-the-art distribution network, reutilizes and markets excess Defense Department material, manages hazardous property disposal, provides comprehensive contract management services and compiles the federal catalog system and other essential logistics data.

DLA representatives from each part of the agency will be on site to answer customer questions, help new customers receive supplies or services from DLA and discuss new products and innovations in customer support.

The expo is free to customers except for individual per diem and travel costs, which are the responsibility of the customers' organization.

To register for the event, call Kevin McKenna at DLA headquarters, DSN 427-7500, commercial (703) 767-7500. Hotel reservations should be made by Jan. 3 directly with the Norfolk Waterside Marriott, 235 E. Main St., at 627-4200.

Hampton Roads on the Move Deadlines:

News deadline is Wednesdays at noon for publication in the next week's newspapers. Advertising deadline is Tuesday at 2 p.m. for publication in that week's issue. This section is published every Friday in *The Virginia Beach Sun*, *The Chesapeake Post* and *The Portsmouth Times*. Send all materials, including name and telephone number to: Hampton Roads on the Move, c/o *The Chesapeake Post*, 1024 N. Battlefield Blvd., Chesapeake, Va. 23320, or fax to 548-0390.

Job changers: Beware of surfing the Net

Thinking of trumpeting your job qualifications on the Internet? You better think twice, especially if you are currently employed.

The good news for would-be job changers is that a growing number of human resource executives are accessing the Internet in one way or another. Almost one in five (18 percent) of human resource executives at 182 companies surveyed by William M. Mercer Inc. currently uses the Internet at work, while 38 percent use the Internet or an on-line service at home. Consequently, there is a chance that human resource

people may see your information.

The bad news? The person scanning your qualifications may be sitting in your present employer's human resource department.

Although the survey found that E-mail is by far the most common Internet function used in human resource departments, other typical applications are said to include: recruiting job candidates, getting information about products and services, researching human resource or general business issues and participating in surveys.

But some human resource

executives, although they may use computers routinely in their work, are wary of the Internet. More than one-fifth (21 percent) of those surveyed concede they have no interest in it at all.

They cited, among other things, lack of applications to their job or concern over the confidentiality of communications.

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ERA Real Estate opens Spain office

Electronic Real Estate Associates, L.P. (ERA Real Estate) has signed Spain's largest real estate franchise network, Look and Find, S.A., to the international ERA system. With the addition of Spain, ERA master franchisees have been sold in five European countries. Master franchise holders have the right to sell ERA franchises and provide exclusive products, services and technologies in their respective countries.

The international ERA system, based in Overland Park, Kan., includes more than 2,500 member broker offices in 19 countries and territories.

"Real Estate is becoming a universal language," said George W. Trotman, managing broker at ERA Ed Trotman Real Estate in Chesapeake. "Whether our clients are moving across the street or to another country, we can provide them with the same services worldwide."

Through the Look and Find affiliation, ERA plans to introduce a full spectrum of real estate products, services and technologies available for the first time in Spain, including new marketing tools; a home warranty program; a department that will handle sales of properties owned by banks and lending institutions; and, real estate agency development programs.

"We're excited about the prospect of revolutionizing the Spanish real estate industry," said Bill Heavener, director of European operations for ERA.

"Spain is an emerging market rebounding from a recession. The country has one of the highest percentages of home ownership per capita in Europe. Home sales

will begin to prosper as consumer confidence grows."

Founded in 1988, the Madrid-based Look and Find has developed an information system that allows clients to view pictures and descriptions of homes for sale before visiting a property. The system reduces the amount of time and effort it takes to shop for homes. Currently the information is transmitted via satellite to ERA Look and Find's 82 broker companies across the

country.

ERA Real Estate was the first American company to introduce a similar electronic listing program that transmits via computer a national database of more than 50,000 photos and descriptions to ERA member broker offices throughout the United States. ERA plans to implement ERA Look and Find's technology throughout Europe, according to Heavener.

"Now we have the ability to reach every country through satellite transmissions," Heavener said. "This is quite an advantage for people in Northern Europe or around the world who want to buy property along the Spanish coast. Within a short period of time, this technology will be available worldwide."

Spain is the latest in a series of ERA international expansions in 1995. Earlier in the year, ERA opened operations in Belgium and Korea. In October, two established French real estate networks joined ERA France, more than tripling the system's size from 50 to 160 member broker offices in that country.

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Fourth Cotton Gin opens in Virginia

Virginia's latest entry into the booming cotton industry began operations this month, one-half mile west of Holland on Highway 58 in Suffolk.

Suffolk Cotton Gin is the fourth gin in operation in the state.

The new ginning operation is a shareholder owned company, with share's held for the most part, by area farmers.

Morris Glover is president of the corporation, Phil Wines is vice president, Rachel Johnson serves as secretary and Clarence Riddick is treasurer.

Estimated start-up cost of the ginning operation 2.5 million dollars.

The original target date for start-up was Oct. 1, but technical difficulties with ginning equipment delayed the start-up, three to four weeks.

Rick Ludwig, plant manager of Suffolk Cotton Gin said the dust collection capacity of the gin had to be increased to meet EPA requirements and there were some minor problems with wiring that had to be addressed.

"Believe me," Ludwig said, "considering the fact construction of the facility began from scratch, July 1, to be up and running by the end of October is nothing short of a miracle." "The difficulties that we have experienced, while irritating, are technical in nature and to be expected, considering the enormous scope of this project."

Modules of cotton have been coming in at a rapid pace as the ginning facility swings into operation. The 47 acre property is already dotted with the massive cubes of cotton awaiting the ginning process.

The average weight of a module is 20,000 pounds. After ginning, approximately 6,500 pounds or about 13,500 pound bales of cotton will be processed from each module.

"I think we're going to be pleased with what we accomplish this first year," says Clarence Riddick, area manager for Suffolk Cotton Gin.

Riddick works directly with the growers, contracting cotton for the new gin.

"Our goal for the first year was a modest one," Riddick said, "we did not want to contract for more cotton than we can efficiently. After all, our first concern is the grower."

"We have a large group of area growers working with us and we think we're going to be very close to our first year goal," Riddick added.

While Riddick was reluctant to estimate first year numbers, he did say the ginning operation hopes to process 20,000 to 30,000 bales annually, once the start-up phase is finished.

According to Riddick, cotton yields will be far below last year.

Virginia led the nation in dry land cotton production in 1994, with some growers reporting yields in excess of 1,000 pounds

Ste. Marie named firm associate

Architect Stephen M. Ste. Marie has been named an associate of the architectural and interior design firm of Cederquist Rodriguez Ripley Maddux. He has been promoted to the position of office production manager for the firm's Chesapeake office.

Prior to joining the firm, Ste. Marie was with Hanbury Evans Newill Vlatis & Company. He earned his professional degree from VPI and was part of the Architecture Study Abroad Program in Europe during 1982.

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"We've had estimates come in as low as 250 pounds per acre and as high as 750 pounds per acre," Riddick went on. "I'm guessing that production will be at least one-third less than last year."

"Last year was an exceptional year for cotton growers," he added. "the average production for this area in a normal year, will be closer to 600 pounds per acre than last year's high of 1,000."

"Many variables dictate cotton yield," Riddick said, "weather, farming practices, type of soil...all affect yield."

Suffolk Cotton Gin employs 28 people, who will be working two shifts throughout the ginning season.

"We'll be open 24 hours a day, until all the cotton we receive is ginned," explained Ludwig.

The plant manager said that cotton has been coming in from far away as the Eastern Shore of Virginia and Northeastern North Carolina, as well as from Suffolk and the surrounding area.

Ludwig and Riddick see a bright future for cotton in Southside Virginia. "As long as there is a market for cotton and prices stay strong, farmers are going to grow it," Riddick said. "I see no reason why cotton won't continue to increase in importance to Virginia farmers in years to come."



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CONSIDERING COTTON. Plant manager of Suffolk Cotton Gin is Rick Ludwig, Virginia's newest ginning facility opened in October.

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Charter changes to consolidate city, school finances under consideration

Council could ask General Assembly for more oversight

By LEE CAHILL
City Council Reporter

City council is thinking about asking the General Assembly for a charter change that would permit the council to have more oversight over school board finances.

City Manager James K. Spore has pushed for a consolidation of the financial activities of the city and the school board as a way of saving money and forestalling the recurrence of the \$12.1 million school board deficit recently uncovered by an external audit.

At a council work session last week, Spore told council that consolidation can be accomplished only through legislation and that he would talk to the local delegation to the General Assembly on various mechanisms that can be used to accomplish the consolidation.

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At present, he said, the only control the council has over the funds that it allocates to the school system is determination of whether the money be given to the board is in a lump sum by in four categories.

Auditors from KPMG Peat Marwick, in their report to council last week, said that appropriating the money in four categories is no guarantee that the deficit situation would not be repeated.

Councilman Linwood Branch said, "We have the worst of all worlds. We have a budget, but that's it."

The school's budget for the 1994-95 fiscal year for which the deficit was recorded was virtually

Jaycees seek Outstanding Young Citizen

The Virginia Beach Jaycees are currently accepting nominations for the Outstanding Young Citizen Award.

The Outstanding Young Citizen is awarded annually to an individual who best exemplifies the spirit of citizenship, and who has willingly given of his time and efforts in order to make Virginia Beach a better place to live.

The nominee must be between the ages of 21 and 40 and have made outstanding contributions to the general welfare of the city.

Nominations will close on Nov. 30. For more information, contact the Jaycees Public Relations Vice President Kristin Bean at 460-7976.

useless, the auditors concluded, because of the number of transfers the school system made in the budget.

Branch said that the present system is "unfair to the council and city to try to monitor and regulate without authority."

The city council on Dec. 5 will consider the legislative package for adoption and later they will discuss the package with local delegates to the General Assembly before submittal for state legislation.

Another charter change would resurrect the position of high constable which would be filled by the sheriff.

In 1983, the city eliminated the position of high constable to avoid duplication of services that were also handled by the sheriff. At the time all fees collected from warrants, summonses and notices in General District Court went to the city. After the sheriff took over the functions, however, the fees went directly to the state.

The high constable fees had originally offset the cost of the operation, but by 1983, the fees no longer offset the post of the high constable and his employees.

Robert Mathias, assistant city manager in charge of legislative matters, told council at the work session, that former city councilman Paul Lanteigne brought to the attention of the staff that the amount of \$800,000 raised in fees from the serving process could revert to the city if the city recreated the office of high constable, but have the sheriff serve as high constable, avoiding additional costs.

Norfolk, through its charter, allows the sheriff to act as high constable and is able to collect certain fees for serving warrants, summonses and notices in the court before the General District Court.

Councilwoman Barbara Henley recalled that there was a lot of controversy at the time over the elimination of the office.

Councilman Harold Heischoben said that the problem had centered around release of four or five long-tenured employees in the office who would be dismissed. They were subsequently transferred to the Treasurer's Office.

The proposals also include asking the General Assembly for \$2 million for the Virginia Marine Science Museum, a reduction from a similar request last year.

Councilman Robert K. Dean asked that the amount requested be moved back to \$5 million, which would reduce the amount the city would need to borrow.

Also among the proposals is a request to allow the city to require a sufficient bond (\$40,000) to cover the entire cost of bulkheads to be posted when the bulkheads are constructed by private parties. The legislation would be limited to Sandbridge, where the staff says, the damaged bulkheads have become a public danger and nuisance.

When owners fail to repair or remove damaged bulkheads, the city can move in and remove the bulkheads, placing a lien on the property, but the property could become worthless later, causing a burden on the taxpayers. The bond would provide a source of funds to address the problem.

One proposal also seeks some relief for Virginia Beach and Chesapeake from the 1995 General Assembly action that allows manufactured homes (trailers) in agricultural zoning.

The ordinance would permit the two cities — cities with populations of no less than 150,000 but no more than 150,000 (Chesapeake), and cities of more than 300,000 (Virginia Beach) to limit manufactured houses to 19 or more feet in width on a permanent foundation and on individual lots subject to development standards equivalent of those applicable to conventional site-built single-family dwellings.

Seasoned watermen weather the worst

Determination nets eventful life for a vanishing breed

By JANE ROWE
Sun Correspondent

Inland, the thermometer registers almost 50 degrees, but out on the water it feels 20 degrees colder. The wind stings the faces and eyes of even seasoned watermen, but the two Knotts Island crabbers never flinch as they head northward toward Cason Point at a brisk clip.

Their eyes are watering from the wind and the dazzling sun, but they joke and laugh, shouting at each other above the wind and the boat's motor. Despite the wind, the water's surprisingly calm and so shallow in spots that they have to slow the boat to a snail's pace to avoid running aground.

"It's the west wind. This side's fairly calm, but it's rougher over on Corolla," said Shorty Buckley, pointing eastward across Knotts Island Bay to the ocean side.

Shorty and his cousin, Dickie, are part of a vanishing breed who earn their living fishing and crabbing on

Tough waters mean lost income for the ocean fisherman.

southern Virginia Beach's inland waterways. Like Marshall Belanga, who harvests fish and shellfish on the Atlantic Ocean, they come from a long line of working watermen.

"I've been on the water all of my life," Belanga said. "It's something that's been passed from generation to generation."

Belanga, who also carves and sells decoys at his seafood market on Sandbridge Road, has lived in the area "since '37 when I was born." He comes from a long line of ocean fishermen, and although his family was forced to leave their Dam Neck home "in about '42" when the Naval Amphibious Base was built there, the male members continued to fish for a living.

Like other watermen, Belanga admits that the job has its ups and downs. It's not only cold, wet, physically demanding and sometimes dangerous, but it's also an uncertain source of income.

"It's been a terrible rough year

this year," Belanga said. "There have been so many hurricanes and groundswells that it's been one of the roughest years in the 25 to 30 years I've worked on the water."

Tough waters mean lost income for the ocean fishermen because "when the surf's up we can't fish."

But these same storms brought a mini-bonanza for the Buckleys and others who work on the inland waterways.

"The crabs have been good this year," said Virginia Beach watermen David Lawlis, who works with the Buckleys. "That's because the aren't anywhere else."

He credits the storms "for pushing the crabs this way" and said that the higher salinity levels, caused by the influx of storm-driven salt water, has made the Currituck Sound tributaries more habitable for crabs.

"The crabs are getting ready to go into the mud now," Lawlis said. "There won't be too many more of them this year. We'll be fishing and hunting then."

Flounder and catfish about in Knotts Island's brackish waters, but there aren't any oysters and the shrimp "stay down in the sounds" because they need a warmer climate," Lawlis said. So he and other Knotts Island watermen supplement their income by hunting and trapping during the winter. They also act as guides for hunting groups that come to this popular duck-hunting area during the winter.

"Lawlis, Buckley and the Belangas all agree that seafood harvests aren't as abundant as they were in their grandfather's time. Belanga says that the decline is part of a natural cycle that may have already peaked. The crab population will increase within a few years, he predicts, because "there has been a drastic hatch-off of young crabs in the ocean this year."

Lawlis blames pollution for the declining seafood population, but he agrees that the trend is reversing now. He points to the aquatic grasses, which almost disappeared at one point, as evidences that the water's getting cleaner. "The grasses are coming back," he said, and the crab and fish population, while still down from what was decades ago is starting to improve after reaching a low point a few years ago.

Although things are looking up, harvesting seafood will



NO EASY JOB. Watermen like the Buckley cousins have been working the inland waterways off Knotts Island for generations.

always be a rough business and those who work on the water have to develop a sense of humor. They laugh at themselves, tease each other and joke about how the weather affects them.

"We've been able to walk across this bay on the ice," Lawlis said. "That's when you have to hunt just to have something to eat everyday," he joked.

The Buckleys and Lawlis also tease each other about running their boats aground and about the time Shorty got so cold "I had to set my boots on fire to stay warm."

"That's bad, when you have to burn your boots to keep warm," he added dryly.

Despite the tall tales and the homespun humor, the men respect the water and recognize how powerful, and potentially dangerous the elements can be.

"I sank my boat up against the marsh once," Shorty said, "and I was out there half the night before anyone came by and saw me. When the wind's blowing so hard it can blow your boat right up against the marsh right quick, before you know it."

"I've had many hair-raising experiences," said Belanga, whose great-grandfather, a member of the life-saving service, was killed in the

rescue attempt of a German vessel south of Little Island in the late 1800s. "But I reckon sinking a boat was the worst experience I've ever had."

Balanga's wooden fishing boat capsized one day in 1987 or so during a rough period in the fall. When those wooden boats capsized they sink almost immediately, but we understand the ocean and we were able to rescue ourselves. We got the boat back to shore and turned it back over."

Even on a normal day, hauling in fish nets or lifting crab pots requires muscle and courage.

"This work is hard on your back and arms," Lawlis said. "These crab pots get muddied in and they can pull you overboard when you try to lift them up."

"We also have to get up early before day," Lawlis continued and while it can be miserable when you're cold and wet, the watermen say that working all day in the sun that past summer was even more brutal. But the freedom and independence that their work bearings makes it all worthwhile, they add.

"Out here, I'm free," Shorty said. "I've got nobody to bother me."

"You have the opportunity to be your own boss," Belanga said. "You can do as you please."

Three plans offered to Beach redistricting

By LEE CAHILL

City Council Reporter

The three redistricting plans that have been submitted to the city so far are similar in at least one respect — none of them pleases everybody.

Virginia Beach City Council has until March 11 to reapportion the boundaries of the seven current boroughs into equally-populated election districts and to name those districts.

But by Jan. 1, council has to petition the court to order an advisory referendum in May 1996 on the question of whether council members shall be elected by voters of the district or at-large.

That may be harder than it sounds because six or seven proposals have been suggested on how the referendum question should be worded — and none of them seems to please everybody.

The three redistricting plans, which under an amendment by the 1995 General Assembly have to have districts of about equal populations, were submitted by the Council of Civic Organizations (CCO), City Treasurer John T. Atkinson and councilman Robert K. Dean.

At a public hearing on the plans last week, Al Strazzolo, president

of the Citizens Action Coalition which support the CCO plan, said he objected to the treasurer's plan because it indicated a distrust for the citizenry. His main objection is that it chops up neighborhoods — it splits 33 percent of the neighborhoods, he said.

He said that the plan is based on the notion that citizens can't be trusted to deal with the city-wide issues. He said it was the citizens who worked to keep the Naval Air Station at Oceana, it was the citizens who supported Lake Gaston, and it was the citizens who supported a tax hike for the Agricultural Reserve program. And it is the citizens who contribute 11 million volunteer hours to the city.

He charged that the Atkinson plan is designed to avoid power sharing with the citizens. Every council member in office now, he said, could keep his or her seat after the redistricting because of the way the plan locates the districts. He said that it was "apparent the primary purpose is a safe haven" for borough council members.

Wally Erb, an Arrowhead resident, who has been a council member, said that he was concerned that the rural people would be misrepresented.

Maxine Graham, a Sandbridge resident, said that she was opposed to the change altogether. She said that Virginia Beach is a unique city with much diversity and that there was the possibility of taking the CCO plan and giving control of that much square mileage to one individual. The CCO plan puts all of Pungo and Blackwater Boroughs and part of the Princess Anne Borough in one district.

Dean who submitted his plan after the other two said that his plan is a quasi-compromise between the CCO plan and the Atkinson plan.

The Atkinson plan, he said, would require 19 changes in the voting precincts (at \$11,000 a precinct that comes to \$209,000).

Hi plan, he said, has only six changes.

Pungo councilwoman Barbara Henley, noting that in two of the plans district extends from Knotts Island to north of Virginia Beach Boulevard, asked, "How in the world can anyone serve a district like that?... I'm not sure how we can handle this disparity. It's quite a dilemma to work out a workable system."

Dean, who is the Princess Anne Borough councilman, replied that an at-large councilmember has to

cover 310 miles with 420,000 people.

Harold Heischoben, who is an at-large councilman, said that his reason his job is so easy is that people call the borough representative rather than an at-large representative. Pointing out that the problems in the northern part of the city are people problems and the problems in the Pungo, Blackwater and part of the Princess Anne boroughs land problems, he said that equalization sounds good, but it will not answer the problems.

City Attorney Leslie Liley said that he would like some direction from council on what plan or plans would be submitted to Election Data Services, the city's redistricting consultant.

In the May 1996 council election, borough representatives of Princess Anne, Blackwater and Virginia Beach will be elected in the same way as always, using the present borough lines. But they will be elected to two-year terms to allow the 1998 transition when the new district lines, whatever they are, will be in effect and the decision has been made on whether the borough district representatives will be elected at-large or by voters in the district only.

Commentary

Family first

When was the last time you sat down with your family — Thanksgiving aside — and actually had a real meal together? Not a fast food dinner hastily picked up in a rush, only to be wolfed down before heading out the door for a meeting, athletic practice or other activity.

Can't remember? Then it's time to observe National Family Week designated by Congress as a time to show recognition and appreciation for the backbone of America.

Perhaps Congress chose this week because Thanksgiving falls during it, a time when extended families travel long distances to be together and offer their thanks. And what better time for National Family Week with the impending holidays?

But what is a family? The Doubleday Dictionary offers at least two definitions: 1) a group of persons consisting of parents and their children; or, 2) a group of persons forming a household. These definitions leave little room for what a family is all about: love, warmth, comfort, nurturing, memories, role models. Just as families come in all shapes and sizes, from single parent to traditional — so do the words synonymous with it.

Yet in our rush to get ahead, make ends meet or fulfill work obligations, we forget about our greatest obligation of all: the family. It's the one crutch we are bound to lean on when all is wrong with the world.

Take a little time this week to evaluate your relationship with yours. Make time to spend time. It can be as simple as enjoying a leisurely dinner together, without the intrusion of television. But above all, put family first. — V.E.H.

Federal furlough indicative of a much larger problem

If President Bill Clinton and all those Bozos in Congress had wanted a reason to end the foolish "federal furlough," I suggest they should have visited my home and seen just what their efforts, or lack thereof, *meant*.

It wasn't a pretty picture.

When my husband, a contractor at the Norfolk Naval Base, heard the news two weeks ago that a government shutdown was imminent, he remained optimistic.

"It'll only be for a day!" he declared. "That just means I get a day off, and I could use it!"

I heartily agreed, thinking about the "honey-do" projects around the house that he could get done in that day!

"Yeah, you're right," I observed. "But you probably won't even get that day. Clinton and Congress will resolve the situation before it gets to that."

I have lived to eat those words. Last Tuesday, as we all know by now, the federal government came to a screeching halt, putting millions of work until the political honchos could get their differences ironed out.

If ever I thought the "bigwigs" in Washington have lost touch with the little people like you and me, it's now. And it seems to me that they're doing it with little regard to the consequences. But that's OK, because it's those "little folks" like you and me who can make and break 'em when election time rolls around.

Few areas in the United States are as reliant on the federal government for employment as ours. My husband, who first worked in the private sector, then for the state and now for the military, is like thousands of others in Hampton Roads were up until Monday: out of work. "Furlough" is putting it the nice way.

For those of us not employed by the government, watching our husbands and wives putter around the house with no office to go to, was downright discouraging — not to mention pretty darn aggravating.

Evan didn't work for four days, and it was a painful process watching him grow more listless and aimless by the day.

Pre-day one, Evan, knowing he won't have to report to work the next morning, decides to go and play cards until the wee hours "with just the boys." I struggle to get my housework done, make dinner and do paperwork

from the office.

Day one: My alarm buzzes at 6:30 a.m. Evan, who normally rises at 4:30, continues to snore beside me. Showered and dressed, I run out the door after a quick peek. He is still snoozing away.

Returning home that evening, I find my darling sitting at the computer doing some work. He accomplished several chores during the day and is pretty proud of the fact. He offers to make dinner. I gladly accept. We watch the news late that evening; Clinton and Congress have not come to terms.

Day two: Alarm rings extra early because it's my day to lay out the newspaper. I shower and dress. Evan snoozes. When I come home that afternoon, Evan is on the couch watching television. He managed to clean out his car during the day and fiddle on the computer.

Day three: Same scenario as the other days. When I come home, the house is in disarray. Evan is watching TV. He's getting to know some real good friends on the tube: Sally, Oprah, Genie and Jenny.

He asks me if talk shows have always been this sleazy and interesting. Exasperated, I make dinner and ask him to clean the house tomorrow. He nods "OK."

Day four: It's Friday and I've got a 9 a.m. story all the way out at the military installation at Northwest in Chesapeake. It's a one-hour drive from my home. I barely arrive on time, only to find the ceremony I was supposed to cover was cancelled. No one, civilian or military, bothered to call me about it. I fume.

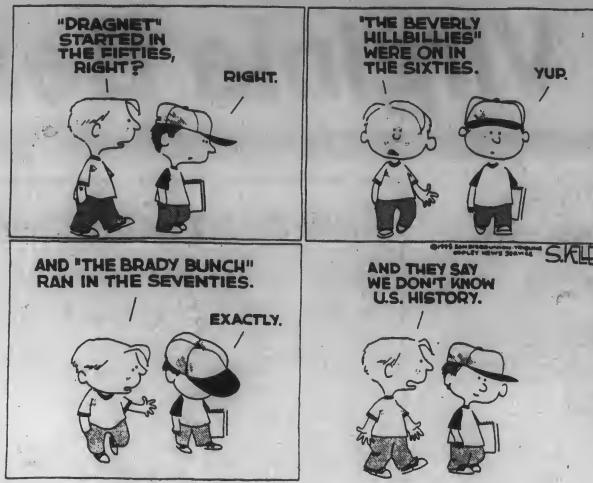
Arriving home that evening, Evan is stretched out on the bed lounging and doesn't look like he's even had a shower. He says he feels "useless." I bow my head, cursing under my breath at all those knotholes in Washington.

This is what I meant when I said a visit to my house wouldn't be a "pretty visit."

This "furlough" didn't just rob the morale of our federal employees and their dependents, it robbed our checkbooks. Maybe "rob" is the wrong word. I suppose "deplete" is more appropriate. Whatever the politically correct word is, the result will be this: a whole lot of honest, hard-working people who want to punch in their time cards will be late on their bills and mortgages.

In the meantime, all the "politico" fat cats were sitting pretty in their warm homes, driving their big cars and not worrying about their paychecks. Why? Because they knew they'd have one coming in, rain or shine!

Now, Congress and Clinton have set a new deadline to iron out their differences: Dec. 15. But if they don't... what could happen? They knew it: another "federal furlough."



Virginia election no great victory

By ROBERT G. HOLLAND

RICHMOND — Led by Governor George Allen, the Virginia Republicans were about as inept at playing the expectations game in the recent election as the Washington Redskins have been at playing football lately.

They should have taken a page from the Great Communicator, Ronald Reagan. Always play down your prospects. That way, your gains are magnified in popular perception.

Allen's high noon-style campaigning, full of swagger, left the impression that the Republicans expected to kick the Democrats right out of Dodge in the Nov. 7 balloting.

The GOP was going to "make history" by taking over control of both chambers of the General Assembly for the first time since the Union troops left town.

That helped energize the Democrats to get out their vote. And because the GOP raised the level of expectations, it enabled the Democratic chieftains to claim a "victory" because the Republicans didn't gain as much as they expected to gain.

Put all this down to the brashness of youth, the same sort of reckless abandon that has occasionally hurt the Allen administration in areas such as dealing with the human element of cutting back state government employment.

But expectations and both parties' hubris aside, the election results — placed in historical context — showed that the Republicans continued their long march toward gaining legislative control, albeit at a slowed pace.

On a night they toppled Senate Majority Leader Homer Andrews, a 32-year veteran, the Republicans realized a net gain of two seats in the Senate.

Since that puts the parties in a 20-20 tie in the Assembly convening

in January, all sorts of complications and intriguing questions arise concerning Democratic Lieutenant Governor Don Beyer, who presides over the Senate and casts tiebreaking votes on nonbudget bills.

But for now let's look back a few decades:

In 1967, the Republicans — once the butt of jokes about being able to caucus in a telephone booth — had only six members in the 40-member

The partisan payback predicted for the '96 session is a double-edged sword.

Senate. As recently as 1987, they still had only 10 Senators.

Thus to have doubled their numbers in eight years is no small feat. Furthermore, on many social issues, they may well enjoy a philosophical majority in the '96 Senate, given that conservative Democrats from rural areas, like Virgil Goode from the Southwest and Richard Holland from the Southside, wield considerable clout.

In the 100-member House of Delegates, the Republicans had only 14 members in 1967. By 1987, they had increased that to 35.

In this month's election, the GOP held to its modern high-water mark of 47 House seats, as opposed to 52 Democrats and one independent, Lacey Putney of Bedford, who usually votes conservative.

Expectations were high that the GOP at least would pull as close as a 50-49-1 ratio, in which case a switcheroo of two could have given them control.

But the Democratic bigwigs are not credible in claiming some sort of mandate from clinging to what they have. For one thing, on issues of principle, as opposed to sheer partisanship, conservatism may have a

philosophical majority in the House, too.

Perhaps, 1996 finally will see passage of measures favoring parents' rights over those of a nanny-state, for example in the case of notification before a minor's abortion.

Gov. Allen provoked the derision of House Speaker Tom "Boss" Moss when he pointed out, in the most chipper post-mortem, that the Republicans had won 57 percent of the total votes cast in Senate races, and 52 percent in House races.

Snoring that the Democrats had stressed education as a key issue, Moss said, "the first thing you learn in education is to count."

Ah yes, but the counting that counts most is the decennial process of drawing legislative boundaries. It is partly by dint of their power to gerrymander that Virginia Democrats have been able to parlay less than a majority of statewide votes into a continued majority in the House and a deadlock in the Senate.

But rather than whining, the Republicans need to seek — without boasting or cowboy swagger — that big turnout in 1997 (House and Governor's races) and 1999 (House and Senate) that will give them absolute legislative majorities.

Then they will be the gerrymanders, and the Democrats may spend much of the 21st Century trying to regain their advantage.

The partisan payback predicted for '96 is a double-edged sword. House Majority Leader Richard

Cranwell, Allen's chief tormentor, may block major Allen initiatives in the House. But the Republicans have enough votes to block any tax hikes or liberal initiatives in the Senate.

Could we be talking gridlock here? That's not all bad, if a lot of intrusive laws and expensive boondoggles are kept from passing.

Robert G. Holland is a syndicated columnist who writes for Associated Features.

Ever wonder how Al Gore would look in a dress?

One of my favorite pastimes is keeping up with the dominant liberal press stories that concern conservatives and liberals. When a conservative screws up, the liberal papers plaster the story on page one. But, when the same thing happens to a liberal, it goes into the back pages — if it gets there at all.

A recent case in point is a story about Vice President Al Gore. It seems that Gore and his wife, Tipper, hold an annual Halloween press party. This year they decided to dress up as Beauty and the Beast. No problem with that. Al wanted to go as Beauty, while Tipper would be the Beast. Some of Gore's advisors suggested that it would be inappropriate to the vice president to be seen in public dressed in drag.

Now the fact that he wanted to go to the party dressed as Beauty doesn't bother me, because I think he's prettier than Tipper. The interesting part of all this is that very few readers saw the story because it was buried in the back pages of the *Virginian Pilot*.

Then in the Nov. 16 issue of the *V/P*, another story appeared in a small column on Page A-9 which disclosed how the Walt Disney Company was asked to provide Al and Tipper "Beauty and the Beast" costumes for their Halloween party. It now develops that no arrangements were made for the Gores to play Disney for the elaborate custom-made costumes.

Word about the arrangement leaked out, so now a Gore staffer is blaming another staffer for not being careful enough in setting up the arrangement. Can you imagine what the headlines would have been had that been former Vice President Dan Quayle?

Remember the big splash over the "potato" incident? The story played for weeks both in the printed and electronic media.

In one of my past columns I said that Gore reminded me of a high school cheerleader leading the cheers for his buddy, Bill Clinton. I further suggested that he put on a skirt and get some pom poms. I had no idea at the time that he had a proclivity for cross dressing. No, the socialist press chose to stick the story in the back pages.

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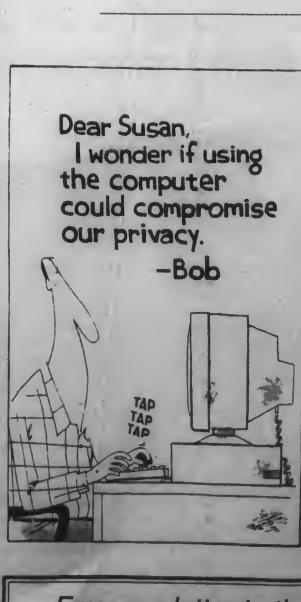
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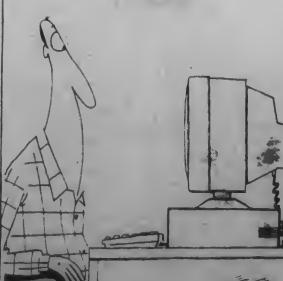
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YWCA honors Hampton Roads' top teen female achievers

By M.J. KNOBLOCK
Correspondent

Anticipation hung in the air as tables full of 20 teenage girls and their families waited to see who would win the two scholarships at the YWCA's 13th Annual Teen Recognition Dinner, held last week at the Holiday Inn

Executive Center in Virginia Beach.

"We honor women every year," said Cheryl Bonneville, executive director of YWCA. "This is the 13th year honoring teen women."

"Our focus is to encourage community service by young women and that's part of what we judge on, and promoting racial

harmony, which is part of the mission of the YWCA national organization."

Each girl who was chosen to represent her high school submitted a resume of activities. The organization also looked at their grades. A panel of five judges interviewed the girls separately.

"They use a point system," Bonneville explained. "They ask five questions. They use a point system to select two scholarship winners. They're all outstanding, but we can only choose two for scholarships."

Tina Gwaltney, a senior at Suffolk's Lakeland High School, and Crystal Lipscomb, a senior at Norfolk's Lake Taylor High School, were the winners.

"Sometimes women seem to be the second choice for a job and some people still feel it's important they stay in the home," said Gwaltney. "Even though that is important, the demand of two housewives is increasing."

"It's groups like this that support women in these situations that are sometimes hard to adjust to."

Lipscomb agreed that the YWCA is supportive to women in their endeavors, and added that she takes her responsibilities seriously.

"As a young black female



KEYNOTE ADDRESS. Mary Pat Liggle, director of Tidewater Community College's Women's Center, was the guest speaker for the evening.

today, I need to do everything and anything to better myself and my family, friends and community," said Lipscomb.

Each of the 20 teens was honored by the YWCA at the recognition dinner. It was not until the end of the event that Tessie Serrano, a member of the panel of judges and on YWCA's board, announced the winners.

"It was one of the most difficult or toughest things I have done in a while," Serrano told the audience. "They are all wonderful and they had to answer tough questions. I cannot say enough good things about them."

When asked about being involved in the program, most of the teens said they were honored just to be considered and were happy to be there.

Chandelle Parker, a 17-year-old senior at I.C. Norcom High School, was one of these.

"I was nominated by my high school guidance counselor to represent Norcom and I know it was an honorable thing to be doing, and the scholarship would be beneficial," said Parker.

"I feel really honored that my school selected me to be their winner," said Jill Bruner of Churchland High School.

"I hope that my school does feel I'm involved in the community as well as the school and that I'm an excellent asset to



Photos by M.J. Knoblock

GOOD GOING! Crystal Lipscomb, left, received a scholarship from Tessie Serrano, a judge and member of the YWCA Board of Directors, at the 13th Annual Teen Recognition Dinner.

and in basically everything they do.

"I also feel that this organization will help to move women further up in the business world as well as their home life and their education."

Mayori Lakdawala, a 17-year-old senior at Princess Anne High School, said she learned a lot from being involved.

"I think this program really helps women become more confident of ourselves, and we're more aware of the opportunities we have for the future," said Lakdawala.

"I've never been to an interview before," she added. "You're nervous, because you want to do good. You don't know who the other competitors were or what they're being taken advantage of a lot: in their jobs, in their homes

GREAT JOB! Tina Gwaltney, left, a senior at Lakeland High School, was one of two winners of scholarships given by the YWCA of South Hampton Roads. Tessie Serrano presented the honor.



ALL WINNERS. The YWCA of South Hampton Roads honored 20 students at its 13th Annual Teen Recognition Dinner held last week in Virginia Beach.

HAMPTON ROADS ON THE MOVE

Portsmouth native promoted at Shaw Systems Associates in technical training support consultation to its customers

Stephanie A. Kensil has been promoted to senior systems representative with Shaw Systems Associates Inc. She joined Shaw Systems in November of 1989 working in the Customer Support

Group.

With more than 14 years experience in banking, Kensil assumed responsibility for on-site customer training and consulting services, along with user acceptance testing of system updates.

A native of Portsmouth and graduate of Portsmouth Catholic High School, Kensil will continue providing technical training and support to customers.

Shaw Systems Associates Inc. provides consulting, development, installation and support for financial computer software products, and specializes in credit and loan servicing along with corporate trust.



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Small businesses offered two new health care benefit plans

Small business employers in Virginia are being offered two new health benefit plans designed to ensure that their employees have access to essential health services.

The State Corporation Commission's Bureau of Insurance recently approved plans submitted by more than 30 insurance companies which are actively marketing coverage to employers with two to 25 eligible employees.

The plans, known as the "Essential Health Benefit Plan" and the "Standard Health Benefit Plan," were required in legislation adopted by the Virginia General Assembly.

The State Corporation Commission (SCC) approved rules governing the plans earlier this year. Insurers, health services plans and health maintenance organizations began offering these plans for new and renewal business as of Oct. 28.

The plans provide a comprehensive and standardized package of health

insurance benefits. The "Standard" plan provides slightly richer benefits than the "essential" plan.

Implementation of these new health insurance plans represents an important step in the on-going effort by the General Assembly, its Joint Commission on Health Care, and the SCC's Bureau of Insurance to reform the marketing of health insurance to small employers in Virginia.

Small employers will cost the health insurance as a major burden on their businesses.

Primary small employers (those with two to 25 employees) are encouraged to contact their insurance carriers for more information about "essential" and "standard" benefit plans.

The SCC's Bureau of Insurance can also answer questions and provide small business employers with a list of the growing number of carriers authorized to market these plans. Call 1-800-552-7945 for more information.

Beach architecture firm appoints Smith Computer Services Director

Dan H. Brockwell, principal of HBA Architecture & Interior Design of Virginia Beach, has announced the appointment of Brian K. Smith as

Director of Computer Services for the firm.

In his new position, Smith is in the process of optimizing and administering HBA's current computer systems.

Smith, including CADD workstations and office computer software/hardware. He also assists architects and designers with CADD drawing development and generating three-dimensional computer models and computer/video animation of ongoing projects.

Founded in 1974, HBA specializes in the architectural interior design and renovation of banking facilities, commercial development, office parks, schools, medical facilities, clinics, churches and military facilities.

Smith is a member of the national Microsoft Beta Test Team and has served on the Autodesk Beta Test Team. His experience includes serving in technical services position with CADDASSIST, where his responsibilities included instruction and technical support.

In addition, he was assigned to the NAVEX Electronic Power Distribution Program for the U.S. Government.

Smith is well-versed in a variety of sophisticated software, computer languages and equipment including PC systems, workstations, scanners, plotters and printers. He is a member of the North American AutoCAD Users Group.

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Re-enactors pay tribute to veterans of American soil

By MARGARET WINDLEY

Sun Correspondent

While many veterans and their families crowded other parts of Virginia Beach for the big Veterans Day celebration recently, there was a smaller one at the Francis Land House to honor veterans of wars fought on American soil.

Confederate Marine and Naval re-enactors sat together under the cover of a spacious tent during a moderate rainstorm which had begun falling outside Saturday afternoon and joked good-humoredly with each other.

Like the rest of the historic re-enactors at the celebration, they had done their best to be accurately dressed for the occasion with appropriate uniforms, swords and buttons.

"I have always been a real big Civil War buff," explained Bob Adams, representing an able-bodied seaman in the Confederate Navy. An active duty Naval personnel and veteran of the Gulf War himself in real life from Rochester, N.Y., with an ancestor who fought for the North, he said that a love of the Naval service had provided much of the

inspiration to become a re-enactor.

"I have always really loved the Navy, but finding a Navy unit was quite hard. A friend was an article in a magazine asking if anyone wanted to re-enact Navy, and I have been doing it for two years. It's an interest."

He complained that his Northern relatives apparently were less sympathetic with the role he had chosen.

"I have almost been like a black sheep of the family," he said. "My grandmother's grandfather served in the war on the Northern side."

However, he said that like many other re-enactors, he had the equipment to take either side for any re-enactment.

"I have done both sides since I have been in the unit," Adams said and proudly displayed his .36 calibre, circa-1851 Navy Colt that was part of the uniform.

"It's a re-production, but it was cast from original molds," he said. "It fires the same way and everything."

King Southall, who represented a Confederate Naval second lieutenant, explained that the

reason that the Northern and Southern re-enactors had marched and shot together during the firing demonstration that afternoon was not due to the threatening weather, but because of a shortage of Civil War re-enactors. "We didn't have enough people to give a real overview. There were too few people here this weekend."

Curtis Eley, representing the Northern 79th New York infantry, had joined the only two others representing his troop. Because there were too few Yankees for them to have a tent of their own, they were sheltered under the Revolutionary War soldiers' tent.

A runner for a law firm and artist as well as former professional musician, the Southerner with two ancestors who had fought for the South in the Third Virginia could almost have traded places with Adams, but was just as much enjoying his part as the other was.

"I saw the re-enactment group at Newport News Fall Festival one year," Eley said. "There are never enough Yankees. Even up North everybody wants to be a Rebs. We get invited to a lot of

events. They say there's never enough Yankees."

An early fond memory of his involved a Confederate uniform that his family purchased for him from a Sears and Roebuck catalog when he was about seven years old. "I have been a Civil War buff since I was a kid," he said.

Demonstrating the popularity of re-enactment, Eley explained that he had recently borrowed a Civil War book from the library and discovered that all the illustrations were photographs of re-enactors.

"There was a guy sitting with a wrist watch on in full view," he chortled, checking his own and searching for the historically accurate pocketwatch he kept in his haversack.

Brian Howard, a computer technician for the city of Virginia Beach after a six-year stint in the Navy, stood out in an 1813 regulation uniform from the War of 1812. The military history specialist explained that he represented the 35th U.S. Regulars stationed at the War of

1812 Fort Norfolk garrison in downtown Norfolk, which is open for tours on Sunday afternoons.

"I started out in Civil War re-enactments seven years ago," he said. "Then when Fort Norfolk was opened three years ago, they found out it was the headquarters for the 5th Military District in the War of 1812. It defended the harbors of Norfolk and Portsmouth."

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Virginia Beach Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, December 13, 1995 at 12:00 Noon in the Council Chambers of the City Hall Building, Princess Anne Courthouse, Virginia Beach, Virginia.

A briefing session will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the City Manager's Conference Room, City Hall Building. PLANNING COMMISSION ACTION IS NOT A FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION, BUT ONLY A RECOMMENDATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL AS THE VIEWPOINT OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION. FINAL DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICATION IS TO BE MADE BY CITY COUNCIL AT A LATER DATE, AFTER PUBLIC NOTICE IN A NEWSPAPER HAVING GENERAL CIRCULATION WITHIN THE CITY.

THOSE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC INTERESTED IN ATTENDING THE PUBLIC HEARING SHOULD BE ADVISED THAT, FOR REASONS THE PLANNING COMMISSION DEEMS APPROPRIATE, CERTAIN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA MAY BE HEARD OUT OF ORDER AND THAT IT SHOULD NOT BE AS

SUMED THAT THE ORDER LISTED BELOW WILL BE EXACTLY FOLLOWED DURING THE PUBLIC HEARING.

The staff reviews of some or all of the items on this agenda suggest that certain conditions be attached to approval by City Council. However, it should not be assumed that those conditions constitute all the conditions that

will ultimately be attached to the project. Staff agencies may impose further conditions and requirements during administration of applicable city ordinance.

SUBDIVISION VARIANCE

1. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Michael & Patricia Nelson. Property is located at 2741 West Landing Road. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

2. Appeal from Decisions of Administrative Officers in regard to certain elements of the Subdivision Ordinance, Subdivision for Elvin Ray & Hester L. Waterfield. Property is located at 2037 Munden Point Road. PUNGO BOROUGH.

CHANGE OF ZONING DISTRICT CLASSIFICATION

3. An Ordinance upon Application of Jason B. Cowan for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-18 Apartment District to R-55 Residential Single Family District on certain property located at the northwest intersection of Lincoln Avenue and Alabama Avenue. The proposed zoning classification to R-55 is for single family residential land use on lots no less than 5,000 square feet. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel of urban medium low density residential at densities that are comparable with use in accordance with other Plan policies. Said parcel contains 19,000 square feet. PRINCESS ANNE BOROUGH.

4. An Ordinance upon Application of William Scott Drasler for a Change of Zoning District Classification from A-18 Apartment District to RT-3 Resort Tourist District on Lot 6, Block 52, Shadow Lawn Heights. The proposed zoning classification change to RT-3 is for resort hotels and related mix land uses including multifamily residential land use at a density no greater than 36 dwelling units per acre. The Comprehensive Plan recommends use of this parcel for suburban high density residential at densities

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A GLIMPSE OF THE PAST. Revolutionary War re-enactors show off their muskets' fire power recently during a Veterans Day tribute at the Francis Land House.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Education

Newtown Road Elementary School's PTA will host "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, Dec. 2 in the cafeteria. Breakfast for preschool through grade two students is scheduled for 8 - 9:30 a.m. Breakfast for students in grades three through five begins at 10 a.m. and lasts until 11:30 a.m.

Students will have an opportunity to take a photograph with Santa. For more information, feel free to contact Chris Reitz at 473-5017.

Plaza students are selling pizza kits through Nov. 28 in an effort to raise funds for Princess Anne High School. Each grade level will receive a pie in the face from the class of the respective grade level that sells the greatest amount of kits. The school is asking all parents and members of the Plaza community to help Princess Anne High School by purchasing a kit from the students.

The Princess Anne Book Fair will open at 8 a.m. on Nov. 28 and close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 5. Other weekday hours will be 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Book Fair will also be open on Saturday, Dec. 2 in conjunction with the PTA's "Breakfast with Santa." Costumed characters and a drawing for prizes will be part of the fun on Saturday.

As a special addition, parents may preview and/or buy during student lunches on the set-up day of the Book Fair (Nov. 27, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.)

Besides hard cover and paperback books, the Book Fair will offer posters, book marks, erasers, puzzles and other small gift items. The Book Fair is custom designed to accommodate students from pre-school to eighth grade. A small parent selection is also available. This is a good time to share the joy of reading with family and friends. All profits go to purchase library books and materials for student and teacher use.

Recreation

Do you love the fragrance of fresh greenery, intermingled with the smell of good food and a fire in the open hearth with a background of young happy voices raised in song or the delightful sounds of a harpsichord or a trio of recorders?

Then come join the Colonial Christmas Celebration at the Lynnhaven House residence in the 18th-century greenery, with 18th-century costumed docents and madrigal singers from Princess Anne High School on Dec. 2 and 3. The magical sounds of the harpsichord and recorders will fill the house with Christmas music on the 9th. There will be no cost for this delightful experience.

There will be hot spiced cider, fancy breads and cookies for sale, as well as the opportunity for purchasing special Colonial Christmas gifts. Plan to come to the open house and participate in this wonderful holiday adventure on Dec. 2, 3 and 9 from noon - 4 p.m.

The Lynnhaven House is located at 4401 Wishart Rd., Virginia Beach, near the junction of Haygood Road and Independence Boulevard, near Haygood Shopping Center.

These days it seems people are all too willing to find fault with our young people. There were, however, many teenagers who got out of their way to help others. One such teenager is 13-year-old Troy Hedgespeth, a local country singing sensation.

He has volunteered to put on a country Christmas show at the Virginia Beach Pavilion Theater on Dec. 1 at 8 p.m. to benefit Toys for Tots. The only cost to attend this show is one unwrapped new toy.

The show will be emceed by Joe Hoppel of WCMR Radio. Playing for Hedgespeth will be the Shades of Country Band from Virginia's Lil' Ole Opry in Matthews, a band which includes a variety of talented performers from vocalists to first-rate musicians. Opening the show will be the most sought-after clogging group in the state, the Flatland Cloggers.

This event is being sponsored by Gallop Bus Lines/Gallop Ski Tours in an effort to see as many children as possible smiling on Christmas morning.

Religion

Eckankar, Religion of the Light and Sound of God, is hosting a spiritual seminar at the meeting room of the Larchmont Library, 6525 Hampton Blvd. in Norfolk, on Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

The topic is "Angels, Guides and Masters" and is an informal gathering of truth seekers from many religious backgrounds discussing a variety of spiritual topics with inspirational stories and real-life experiences of ordinary people coming in contact with extraordinary representatives of the Holy Spirit.

Government

The Retirement Communities, a Planning Commission subcommittee, will be meeting at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 27 in the Planning Department Conference Room. For further information, contact Stephen White, Planning Department staff representative for the committee.

Clubs

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will hold its monthly support group meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 3 at the Unitarian Church of Norfolk, 739 Yarmouth St.

Miscellaneous

Attention crafters and artists, applications are available as of Nov. 1 for the 1995 Spring Festival of Crafts. Pick up your application at any Virginia Beach Community Recreation Center or applications can be mailed upon request.

This annual festival will take place on Saturday, March 2, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 3, 11 a.m. - 5 p.m., at the Great Neck Community Recreation Center, located at 2521 Shorehaven Drive (off Great Neck Road, adjacent to Cox High School) in Virginia Beach. Entry fees are \$30 for members, \$45 for resident non-members and \$60 for non-residents.

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